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Mine accident
JOHANNESBURG, (Reuters): Falling rocks killed four miners, three blacks and a white, yesterday in a gold mine in Boksburg, east of Johannesburg, the owners said. The accident occurred at East Rand Proprietary Mines Ltd, a subsidiary of Rand Mines Ltd.

Officials sacked
DAMASCUS, (Reuters): Fifteen Syrian officials have been sacked from government departments or state institutions for mismanagement or dishonesty, the official Syrian news agency SANA said yesterday.

Afghan cabinet
ISLAMABAD, (Reuters): Afghan President Najibullah has approved without change a new coalition cabinet named earlier this month, Kabul Radio reported.

Stinger seized
ISLAMABAD, (AP): Afghan government troops seized a US-made Stinger anti-aircraft missile along with an assortment of other weapons from rebels in the western province of Herat, Radio Kabul reported yesterday.

Khomeini
NICOSIA, (AP): Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini appeared on Iranian Television last night, dispelling recent rumours that he was no longer alive.

Mid-east talks
BEIRUT, (KUNA): King Hussein of Jordan was quoted here as saying the idea of holding an international peace conference on the Middle East has become acceptable and its details are currently being discussed by Washington and Moscow.

Shultz' visit
WASHINGTON, (Reuters): US Secretary of State George Shultz will visit Central America from June 29 to July 1, a State Department statement said.

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Turkish premier wounded by gunman Ozal escapes attempt on life

ANKARA, June 18, (Agencies): Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, whose reformist policies have changed the face of Turkey, was wounded in an assassination attempt today while addressing 5,000 supporters and foreign diplomats.

Screams of panic pierced the packed Ankara hall and people dived for cover as a gunman fired at least two shots at Ozal. One bullet hit his right hand and another narrowly missed his head.

The youthful-looking man dressed in T-shirt and jeans opened fire with a handgun at Ozal from a distance of 10 metres (30 feet) and then blazed away blindly before he was shot in the arm by a policeman and seized, officials said.

Hurt

Ankara governor, Saffet Arkan Beduk told reporters that 20 people were hurt, 15 of them with gunshot wounds.

Two of the wounded required surgery but were in satisfactory condition, he said.

Labour Minister, Imren Aykurt, the only woman in Ozal's cabinet, was among those slightly injured in the panic.

Ozal, 60, a conservative generally viewed as the only political leader who can rally the nation, ducked behind his podium in the Atatürk stadium when the first shots were fired and was immediately surrounded by bodyguards with guns drawn.

Ozal's doctor Cengiz Aslan told reporters a bullet entered through Ozal's right thumb and exited from the palm. The wound required three stitches and the premier is in good condition, he said.

Returning to the podium 15 minutes later, his right hand wrapped in a blood-stained bandage, Ozal said: "My dear colleagues, I want to emphasise this — nobody can take away the life God has given. We have surrendered ourselves into God's hands."

Living on rainwater, sharks and prayer

HONOLULU, June 18, (Reuters): Five Costa Rican fishermen, who spent five months drifting in the Pacific, said yesterday they lived on sharks and turtles and licked rainwater from tin cans.

"We never lost hope," Gerardo Obando said when they arrived in Honolulu yesterday on board the Japanese tuna vessel Kinei Maru 128. "We prayed and we trusted and we put our faith in God."

Obando, 33, captain of the fishing boat Cairo III, and his crew of four left Costa Rica on Jan 19.

Drifted

They ran into a heavy storm five days later and their boat ran out of fuel and lost its radio. They ran out of food on Jan 27 as their vessel drifted in the Pacific, Obando said through an interpreter.

They were found by the Japanese vessel on Wednesday drifting 700 miles southeast of Honolulu.

"The most difficult part of our ordeal was thinking of our homes," Obando said. "We had to keep tremendous control of ourselves so as not to go crazy thinking about how our families must have been worrying about us."

Obando said the men collected rainwater in cans but grew so thirsty at times they licked the insides of the cans for the last drops of water.

"We lived on sharks, fish and turtles, whenever they got close to the boat," he said.

Ozal then calmly finished his planned speech on Turkish foreign policy to a congress of the ruling Motherland Party and went to his official residence, where his hand was stitched.

Officials said the detained man gave his name to police at his hospital bed as Hayati Ipek but later changed it to Kartal Demirag.

Escaped

The semi-official Anatolian news agency, reporting from the man's home town of Dazkiri in the western province of Afyon, said he had escaped from jail where he was serving a 10-year sentence for murder. He was described as a rightist.

Ozal was later reported in excellent condition and aides said he had watched a television film of the attack.

President Kenan Evren, who as a general led a 1980 Army coup to end political mayhem in which more than 5,000 people were killed, was quick to condemn the attack, as were military leaders and Ozal's parliamentary opponents.

"I am deeply sorrowed by the attack," Evren said in a statement. "As I have frequently said, democracy which our whole nation believes in sincerely and has adopted as a lifestyle can be strengthened by tolerance, love and respect."

State Minister Mehmet Yazar, the government spokesman, said: "We see this incident as bullets fired on the peace and stability of our nation as well as at fraternity and democracy."

Ozal's free-market economic policies and outward-looking foreign policy, including an application made 14 months ago for full membership of the European Economic Community (EEC), have radically changed the image of a once-introverted Turkey.

But he has recently lost popularity. Opinion polls indicate widespread frustration over an inflation rate which has leapt to just over 70 per cent from around 40 per cent in November.



Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal shows his injured hand to his doctor and his wife Semra. The gunman is seen lying on the ground (below) after being shot by a policeman. (Reuters wirephotos)



Efforts to gain release of hostages

UK lawmakers to visit Iran

LONDON, June 18, (Agencies): A delegation of British lawmakers will arrive in Tehran tomorrow to try to improve relations with Iran in hopes of gaining the release of British hostages in Lebanon, the Church of England said last night.

The London Times said today the four British Members of Parliament are travelling to Iran at the invitation of powerful Parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

The Times said the trip was arranged following secret Tehran talks between John Lytton, the Archbishop of Canterbury's public affairs officer, and senior members of the Iranian government.

An Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman denied the report and said the deputies themselves asked to visit and permission was granted.

The British Members of Parliament intimated an interest in visiting Tehran and their offer

had simply been accepted by Iran," the spokesman told Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency.

The British group scheduled to arrive in Tehran tomorrow consists of ruling Conservative Party lawmakers Cyril Townsend and Robert Hicks, opposition Labour Party parliamentarian Tom Clarke and Lord Tordoff of the Social and Liberal Democrats.

A spokesman for Archbishop Robert Runcie of Canterbury said the British delegation was scheduled to meet high-ranking Iranian officials. None of the group have made any comment on the trip so far.

British Foreign Office spokesman said the delegation received a full briefing on British-Iranian relations.

Runcie's press officer, Eve Keatley said: "The group is not going to negotiate for the return of hostages. It is a fact-finding mission to find ways to improve

relations with Iran which could lead to the freeing of Terry Waite and the other British hostages."

"We have repeatedly made it clear we are not prepared to be party to any deal which would indicate in any way that hostage-taking pays dividends," she added.

Encouraging messages to British captive John McCarthy from friends and family, urging him to "keep his spirits up and stay cheerful" were printed in today's edition of Beirut's As Safr newspaper.

The messages from McCarthy's father and mother, his girlfriend, Jill Morrell, and his friend Chris Pearson, were published in the form of an advertisement, along with the captive's picture.

In Beirut, the Lebanon News Agency said today that an Arab figure is negotiating with pro-Iranian Shiite extremists to release West German hostage Rudolf Cordes.

UN chief fails to break Gulf war deadlock

UNITED NATIONS, June 18, (Agencies): Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has told the Security Council there is no change in deadlocked efforts to bring about a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, a council source said today.

The secretary-general gave his gloomy assessment when council members held closed-door consultations yesterday on a number of pending issues.

The source said Iraq holds to its position that no progress can be made in efforts to halt the war, now in its eighth year, until Iran signifies in writing its unequivocal acceptance of a ceasefire resolution adopted unanimously by the council last July 20.

Iran has said it is willing to take part in low-level technical talks with UN officials to set dates left open in a UN plan for implementing the ceasefire resolution.

But Iran has still not given its unqualified acceptance of the resolution, number 598.

Ceasefire

Iran insists that a ceasefire, ordered in the resolution's first paragraph, be accompanied by the establishment of an impartial panel to assess blame for starting the war, which figures lower down in the resolution.

Iran maintains the various elements of the resolution must be implemented in sequential order.

The Foreign Ministers of Iran and Iraq, Ali Akbar Velayati and Tariq Aziz, were both in New York recently for a session of the General Assembly on disarmament.

The council source said that after setting out the positions of the two belligerents, Perez de Cuellar drew no conclusions and suggested only in general terms that the council should try to create the necessary political environment for further attempts to break the deadlock.

Meanwhile, Iraq denied an Iranian claim that one of its French-made Mirage jets was shot down over the Gulf in a dogfight early today.

A military spokesman said the Iranian claim was a "figment of the imagination of Iran's rulers."

Dogfight

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency said the Iraqi Mirage fighter bomber was shot down during a dogfight with Iranian jets.

Iran said today it had launched a locally-built 250-tonne landing craft to improve the efficiency of its forces in the war against Iraq.

IRNA, said the martyr Farsi craft launched yesterday was capable of carrying heavy machinery to islands in the Gulf.

In the land war, Iraq said yesterday its troops recaptured strategic heights on the northern sector of the 750-mile (1,200-km) war front after heavy fighting with Iranian troops.

An Iraqi war communique said Iraqi troops managed after a "blitz and lightning" attack to liberate a large area of strategic heights in Al Sulaymaniah province.

Five kidnapped

NEW DELHI, June 18, (AP): Officials planned to resume talks tomorrow on ending an 11-year-old bush war with tribal rebels, just days after rebels kidnapped five businessmen, military sources said today.

The rebels, who are Buddhists from the Chakma tribe, abducted the five traders at gunpoint Thursday and yesterday in the Chittagong Hill Tracts about 320 kilometres (200 miles) southeast of Dhaka.

V.P. Singh scores a major win in by-election

NEW DELHI, June 18, (Agencies): Former Defence Minister V.P. Singh scored a convincing victory today in Parliament by-elections, setting up a possible national challenge against Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Rajiv's Congress Party won only two of the seven parliamentary seats contested in Thursday's by-election, according to election officials. It had previously held all seven seats.

Singh and two other opposition candidates won seats in the Parliament's lower house, while a fourth was leading by more than 27,000 votes in the Udhampur district in the northern state of Kashmir.

Massive

Vote counting was delayed until at least next week in the seventh district, in northern Haryana state, after Congress Party officials accused the opposition of massive vote-rigging.

The final vote count in Allahabad showed Singh beating his main rival, 38-year-old Sunil Shastri of the Congress Party, by more than two-to-one.

Singh got 203,167 votes of the 425,000 votes cast, while Shastri polled 92,221, election officer P.C. Chaturvedi announced. The rest were divided among 66 other candidates.

It was the first opposition win in the district since 1977.

Rajiv said he expected the weak showing of his Congress Party.

"In any by-election, the ruling party gets it in the neck," Rajiv told news agency reporters during a tour of South India. "The Congress (Party) is satisfied over the outcome of the polls as it has come at a difficult time."

India suffered widespread drought last year, which has hampered the country's economy.



V.P. Singh

Singh, 56 and a Rajiv ally-turned foe, said his victory in Allahabad in northern Uttar Pradesh state would "qualitatively change the face of Indian politics."

The election in Allahabad, 580 kilometres (360 miles) southeast of New Delhi, was widely seen as a barometer of Singh's potential popularity against Rajiv.

Singh broke with Rajiv last year after alleging that Rajiv's loyalists may have profited on defence contracts with Sweden and West Germany. Rajiv and his government have denied the allegations.

Losses

Rajiv must hold national elections before January 1990.

The setback for the Congress Party in the latest polling will not seriously affect Rajiv's current rule, as his Congress Party retains a 70 per cent majority in the 544-seat lower house of Parliament.

But the election losses are the latest in a series of setbacks that have included defeats in 10 of 14 state polls in the past three years.

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Afghan rebel leader seeks war damages

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, June 18, (Reuters): Fiery Afghan rebel commander Gulbuddin Hekmatyar says he would use Soviet prisoners of war to pressurise Moscow for war damages once the guerrillas overrun Kabul.

He also said in an interview in this north-western Pakistani city yesterday he would press for separate elections for a head of state after an elected guerrilla government was installed in Afghanistan.

The head of the Hezb-i-Islami party is regarded by political observers as one of the most powerful leaders in the seven-party guerrilla alliance battling Soviet troops and the Marxist government in Kabul.

Accept

"We are keeping the prisoners to pressurise Moscow to accept our conditions for war damages and the return of criminals such as (Afghan President) Najibullah," said Hekmatyar, who estimated that about 1,000 Marxist Afghans would flee to the Soviet Union.

"We will find ways to convince the Russians to pay. There are many ways to do so," said Hekmatyar, 40, who handed over the rotating three-month chairmanship of the alliance last Wednesday to moderate Afghan leader Syed Ahmad Gailani.

Asked how much damages the guerrillas wanted from Moscow, he said that would be decided by an international commission after the complete withdrawal of Russian troops.

Rebel leaders say the 8-1/2-



Hekmatyar

year-old war has killed 1.3 million Afghans, forced five million to flee as refugees and destroyed 60 per cent of Afghanistan's houses and 70 per cent of its farm land.

Hekmatyar, said guerrillas were holding "a good number of Soviet prisoners inside Afghanistan" and that his party held the majority of them.

Captured

Meanwhile, rebel sources said today that they have captured a provincial capital in southern Afghanistan, the first such city to fall to the resistance since the start of the Soviet withdrawal last month.

They said the seizure of Qalat, capital of Zabul province, 190 miles (320 km) southwest of Kabul, came last night after eight days of intense fighting between Afghan troops and guerrillas.

One killed in scattered clashes in occupied areas

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, June 18, (Agencies): Soldiers opened fire on Palestinians throwing Molotov cocktails in a UN-run refugee camp today, killing one and wounding at least two others amid scattered unrest in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In East Jerusalem, soldiers and police fired tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse stone-throwing youths who blocked a main commercial street with burning debris.

State-run Israeli Radio reported two soldiers were wounded by stones and police detained more than 10 people.

West Bank students returned to classes today, ending a two-day military closure of an estimated 1,200 schools. The Army said it closed the schools, which were shut earlier this year for four months, to halt anti-Israel disturbances and prevent more unrest.

Palestinian students blocked

two main streets in Arab East Jerusalem, burned tyres and pelted Israeli vehicles with stones.

Palestinians clashed with soldiers in at least nine towns and UN-run refugee camps in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Palestinian sources said.

A 15-year-old resident of the Gaza village of Bani Suheila suffered a serious head wound and a broken leg during one of the clashes, hospital officials said.

In the Khan Younis refugee

camp in the Gaza Strip, soldiers opened fire on Palestinians throwing Molotov cocktails, an Army spokesman said.

One Palestinian was killed and at least two were wounded by live ammunition, Palestinian sources identified the victim as Ra'ed Khalid Al Haj Younes, 17, who they said was shot in the chest.

The death brought the toll in the uprising to at least 219 Palestinians.

The Army clamped a curfew

on Khan Younis, where more than 31,000 Palestinians live.

In East Jerusalem, protesters partially blocked Salah Ad Din Street with burning debris and smashed car windows during a noon-time demonstration. Six youths jumped atop one police van, smashed its windows with stones and threatened the occupants, witnesses said.

Soldiers and police fired tear

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3 killed in riots

KARACHI, June 18, (Reuters): Three people were killed and 40 wounded in riots today in the southern Pakistani city of Hyderabad, where police with shoot-on-sight orders later imposed a curfew, residents said.

The curfew was clamped at six pm (1300 GMT) after hundreds of people broke into the city mayor's office with arms, hatchets and wooden staves, the residents said.

Police said a bomb was also lobbed at the home of the mayor, Aftab Ahmad Sheikh.

INTERNATIONAL

China warns Muslims not to oppose birth control

BEIJING, June 18. (Reuters): Religious leaders in China's biggest Muslim region have been warned not to oppose new birth control rules imposed on ethnic minorities there for the first time, the official New China News Agency said today.

Under the regulations, which go into force on July 1, minority couples in urban areas of Xinjiang, western China, will be permitted only two children, while rural families will be limited to three, or four in exceptional cases.

The news agency quoted regional chairman Tomur Dawamat as saying religious leaders — most of them Muslim — should support the new rules.

"At least, they should not place obstacles in the way of the work," Dawamat said.

Minority races account for only 60 million of China's population of 1.085 billion and have previously been exempted from the tough one-child-per-family policy applied to majority Han Chinese.

In Xinjiang, which has a population of only 14 million, families of 10 children are common among Muslim minorities.

Progress

The agency quoted Dawamat as saying a population boom threatened to overload social services and transport and wreck economic development. The adoption of family planning "marked social progress," he said.

Xinjiang's ethnic population, made up mostly of Uygur, central Asians, is now 8.63 million, double the figure at the time of the 1949 communist takeover, earlier reports said.

The remainder of the population are Han settlers from eastern China, who hold most leading posts in Xinjiang's ruling Communist Party bodies.

Family planning was being practised in many Islamic countries, including Egypt, Turkey and Pakistan, Dawamat said. "In this respect, Xinjiang should not lag behind," he added.

Defiance of birth control rules threatens China's population policy in many rural areas. United Nations officials said in May that if current trends continued, Beijing's goal of keeping the population to 1.2 billion in the year 2000 would be exceeded by 87 million people.

To deal with Mideast crises

Egypt calls for an Arab council

CAIRO, June 18. (UPI): Egyptian Defence Minister Abdel-Halim Abu Ghazala urged Arab countries to set up "a coordinating Arab council" to deal with crises in the Middle East, particularly the Gulf war.

In an interview that appeared today in the "National Guard" Saudi magazine, and published in the Egyptian weekly newspaper Akhbar El-Yom, Abu Ghazala also called on fellow Arabs to "coordinate their efforts and plans" to confront terror being directed against the Arab world.

The minister blamed the "internecine" seven-year-old war between Iran and Iraq on the absence of an Arab strategy.

"Out of 17 Arab states, five are experiencing civil wars, 11 are involved in border conflicts and, in addition to the Iraq-Iran war, there is a daily terror being practised against the peoples of the area," Abu Ghazala said.

"But if there was an Arab strategy, we would not have seen this painful picture for what we see today is the absence of an Arab strategy."

Asked how Iranian aggression



Abu Ghazala: strategy

against Arab states in the Gulf could be checked, Abu Ghazala said, "the military confrontation of Iran to check its military role directed against the Gulf states can be implemented through continuous support of Iraq and the integrative work of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)."

"But we should realise that this is not enough. For we must establish, and as soon as possible, an Arab council to deal with the crises, with the Gulf crisis taking precedence in order to coordinate our political, econ-

omic, psychological and military roles against this nerve-consuming business (on part of Iran) and the continuous expansion of the area's crisis," Abu Ghazala added.

Changes

The minister warns that Iran thinks it has the right to gradually impose "political, economic, social and diplomatic changes on all Arab countries."

Observers believe that Abu Ghazala is calling for establishing this council as an alternative for the Arab League's Joint Arab Defence Pact since the Egypt's 9-year-old suspension from the League is still in effect.

Iraq's latest victories in the Gulf war mean that the war has entered a "decisive" phase, he said.

Abu Ghazala credited Egypt and Saudi Arabia with decisive roles in ensuring the security and stability of the Arab area and Middle East.

"Saudi Arabia possesses the security valve of the Western nations depending on oil and we in Egypt possess the waterways through which the oil flows," he said.



Democratic presidential hopeful Michael Dukakis waves to a crowd in the French quarter in New Orleans. (Reuters wirephoto)

Dukakis promises to fight against drugs

Bush vows to clean up Pentagon

NEW YORK, June 18. (AP): Vice President George Bush is vowing anyone convicted in the Pentagon fraud case will feel "the full force of the law" if he wins the White House. Democratic presidential nominee-to-be Michael Dukakis, touching prime southern bases, promises a no-surrender fight against drugs.

"I will not tolerate lawlessness — in the Pentagon, in the streets or in the Congress," Bush said in Washington last night about allegations of Pentagon corruption.

"The public should know that a Bush administration will see to it that any and all charges are aggressively prosecuted and that the full force of the law is applied to anyone convicted," Bush added.

The defence probe concerns the alleged sale of confidential Pentagon information to military contractors through their paid consultant.

Bush, the all-but-certain

Republican presidential nominee, planned today to stop by a farm in Illinois, part of the agricultural heartland that is suffering through the worst drought in half a century.

Dukakis

Meanwhile, Dukakis, the Massachusetts Governor who has been on a campaign march through the South, arranged to attend the funeral of Hispanic leader Willie Velasquez today in Texas and then to address the Democratic state convention in Houston.

Dukakis had been scheduled to be introduced at the convention by Velasquez, who died Wednesday. Velasquez is credited with registering thousands of Hispanic voters.

Jesse Jackson planned to speak to the Illinois Democratic convention in Springfield and then go to an extended black family reunion in Philadelphia.

Dukakis went to Mississippi

yesterday to propose setting up a national alliance against drugs, to be headed by the President, aimed at producing "drug-free schools in every community in America in the 1990s."

"Nobody is going to tell me we have to run up the white flag of surrender on this issue," he told the Mississippi Municipal Association convention.

"There's a sense that things are out of control" in the effort to deal with the nation's drug situation, he said, and "our citizens can't walk down the street and buy a bottle of milk without being in fear of their lives."

In other political developments Sen. Sam Nunn said he has informed the Dukakis campaign that he is not interested in becoming Democratic vice presidential nominee. Nunn is widely respected for his expertise on defence issues and is from Georgia, part of the generally conservative south where Dukakis' support is seen as needing a boost.

Soviet republics heading for a clash

MOSCOW, June 18. (Reuters): A major clash between two Soviet republics appears to be becoming a head.

With the parliaments of Armenia and Azerbaijan taking opposing stands over the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh, people of the two transcaucasian republics await a final decision from Moscow on the issue.

On Friday, the Azerbaijan Supreme Soviet endorsed a recommendation by its executive body to reject a request from Nagorno-Karabakh for the region to be transferred to Armenia.

An Azerbaijan Foreign Ministry spokesman told Reuters. "The Supreme Soviet considered that the departure of Nagorno-Karabakh — contradicted the constitution of the

Soviet Union as well as the traditional ties of friendship between the Armenian and Azerbaijani peoples."

The move followed a vote by the corresponding body in Armenia on Wednesday to annex Nagorno-Karabakh. It has been ruled by Azerbaijan since 1923, although 75 per cent of its population are Armenian.

Constitution

Both republics cite the Soviet constitution to back their positions. Azerbaijan quotes article 78, which says borders may be redrawn only with the consent of all republics concerned.

But another clause, article 70, expresses the right of all peoples to self-determination. This was used by the Armenian parliament to justify the right of Nagorno-Karabakh to decide for itself to which republic it should belong.

The votes now leave the Kremlin with no option but to determine which interpretation should be applied.

Soviets begin peace march across US

WASHINGTON, June 18. (AP): About 220 Soviet citizens began a month-long walking tour of the United States yesterday with the aim of building friendship and lobbying for disarmament.

The Soviets, joined by as many as 100 Americans, planned to walk to Philadelphia and then travel by bus to Illinois for a walk across the Mississippi River to Des Moines, Iowa.

The group will fly from Des Moines to Los Angeles for a final walk to San Francisco, ending with a mid-July rock concert in Golden Gate Park.

They plan to walk as much as 15 miles (24 kms) a day and spend nights in a mobile tent city.

The tour is sponsored by International Peace Walk Inc., a private, non-profit US organisation which is planning a reciprocal walk from Odessa to Kiev in August involving between 200 and 250 Americans.

Leftist leader shot dead in Philippines

MANILA, June 18. (UPI): A leftist leader and human rights lawyer was gunned down in front of his home near the US Clark Air Base today, just days after a US lawyer's group reported increasing violence by right-wing vigilantes.

Communist rebels meanwhile were blamed for the kidnapping and murder of a former vice-mayor in the central Philippines, and the military reported three other fatal incidents related to the 19-year-old insurrection by the left-wing New People's Army (NPA).

Police said two youthful gunmen murdered Ramon Cura, 46, while he was working with his father in the yard of his home in Angeles city, outside Clark Air Base. It was the eighth murder this month in the city 80 km north of Manila and the 30th since May 5.

Police said they had no suspects in the death of Cura, a noted human rights lawyer who was defending prominent NPA leader Rodolfo Salas, but the local head of the legal leftist alliance, Bayan, immediately blamed rightist killers.

US judge refuses to extradite Palestinian

NEW YORK, June 18. (UPI): A US magistrate refused Friday to extradite a suspected Palestinian wanted for bombing a bus in Israel and killing its driver.

Saying the bombing was a political attack, US magistrate John Caden denied the federal government's request to extradite Mahmoud El-Abed Atta Ahmad, described by the FBI as a Palestinian "terrorist."

"Today's rebels in the West Bank may be tomorrow's rulers there," Caden said in his ruling.

US attorney Andrew Maloney said he would move to have the magistrate's order stayed. "He's not going to be out walking the streets," Maloney said.

"If the magistrate won't issue a stay, we'll go to the district court."

According to the Caden's decision, Ahmad was a member of the Palestinian Abu Nidal group which is suspected in the 1985 killing of American Leon Klinghoffer, who was shot and his body dumped from the ship Achille Lauro.

Ahmad, who received military

Attack

Three passengers were injured in the attack, and the driver, Solomon Hatuka, later died from his wounds.

Ahmad, who is charged with murder in Israel, left that country in May 1986. He was seized in Venezuela and turned over to the US officials on an extradition warrant a year later.

Caden, who in his decision found "there is probable cause to believe the accused (Ahmad) guilty of the crimes charged," refused to extradite him because the crime was political in nature.

In the extradition treaty between the US and Israel, Caden wrote, there are exceptions for political offenses.

US plays down PLO statement

WASHINGTON, June 18. (Reuters): The United States has played down a statement by a senior PLO official which appeared to hint at a more flexible PLO attitude toward Israel.

"We are familiar with it," State Department spokesman Charles Redman told reporters. "At this point I don't have any commentary on it."

The statement, published this month in the London-based Middle East Mirror magazine, declared that Palestinians and Jews had the right to run their own affairs and were both entitled to security.

But the statement, written by Bassam Abu Sharif, a senior aide to PLO leader Yasser Arafat, appeared to fall short of US demands that the group unequivocally recognise Israel's right to exist.

Quintuplets born

BAGHDAD, June 18. (Reuters): An Iraqi woman gave birth to quintuplets today in the northern province of Nineva, the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

It quoted a doctor as saying the birth was normal and both the mother and her five children, who weighed between three pounds (1.4 kg) and four pounds (1.8 kg), were in good health.

One killed in scattered clashes in occupied areas

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gas and rubber bullets to disperse the protesters. Police hustled several handcuffed Arabs into vans while soldiers and bystanders watched.

About one hour after the demonstrations began, metal police barricades closed off the street to traffic but pedestrians were allowed in the area. Soldiers watched from atop walls surrounding the nearby old city of Jerusalem.

Most stores along Salah Ad Din Street were shutting down when the demonstrations began. Businesses in the East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza Strip normally close at noon in a partial commercial strike against the 21-year Israeli occupation.

In the Jabalia refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, demonstrators threw stones and empty bottles at the headquarters of the civil administration, which runs the territories for the military. Palestinian sources said. Soldiers fired tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse the demonstrators.

Maj.-Gen. Amram Mitzna, commander of forces in the occupied West Bank, said today the Palestinians have gained confidence during their six-month uprising.

Capabilities

"The Palestinians' feelings of achievement and of their own capabilities, the way they came to know our sensitivities and weaknesses, means things will never be what they were before the uprising," said Mitzna.

He said the Army will have to go on maintaining a massive presence in the occupied territories. "When we solve one problem, another crops up somewhere else," he said. "We are already prepared for the fact the uprising will last a long time."

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Many of the current Parliament members were elected with Rajiv in elections that followed the 1984 assassination of his mother and predecessor, Indira Gandhi.

Singh said during the campaign that a "selection" will be a verdict against corruption in high places and a measure of how well the opposition can work together on a national campaign.

Singh ran as an independent but with the backing of most major opposition parties.

At Singh's home in Allahabad today, campaign workers shouted "Long live V.P. Singh," nearly drowning out his efforts to make a victory statement from his balcony.

His victory is the victory against the state power, money power and muscle power," Singh shouted.

Arun Nehru

Arun Nehru, Rajiv's cousin but a supporter of Singh, predicted that "what is happening in Allahabad will happen all over India."

Opposition party leaders said Singh's victory was a rejection of Rajiv's policies.

Madhu Dandavate, leader of the opposition Janata Party in Parliament, said the Allahabad vote "strengthened the opposition demand for the resignation of Mr Gandhi" and underscored its demand for a mid-term national poll, the Press Trust of India reported.

The news agency quoted N.T.R. Rama Rao, opposition Chief Minister of the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, as saying Singh's victory was "an emphatic rejection" of Rajiv's leadership.

By-elections were also held Thursday to 11 state assembly constituencies. The Congress Party won five of the 10 seats declared yesterday and today. Opposition parties took five.

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Personal touch

WASHINGTON, June 18. (Reuters): President Reagan recalled yesterday how astonished he was at his first economic summit in 1981 to find everybody on first-name terms.

"I was amazed when I sat down at that table in Ottawa several years ago to hear these heads of state around the table, no titles, on a first-name basis, until finally I at that first meeting spoke up and said, 'My name is Ron,'" he said.

Reagan, who flies to Toronto tomorrow for his eighth and final economic summit, was speaking in a television interview.

He said the personal touch was British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's idea.

"And you'd be surprised how much easier it is, and the discussions, when you get on that kind of a personal basis with each other," Reagan said.

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Patrols keep crimes to a minimum: Al Matar

Ensuring safety of people

By Lima Al Khalafawi

LT COL Khalifa Al Matar, head of the patrol department of Hawalli governorate said the role of the department is to preserve security and order in the country and to ensure the safety of people and their property by arresting saboteurs and outlaws.

He told the Arab Times that due to the vast number of patrol cars, the number of crimes and thefts are very low in Kuwait.

He said, the patrol department which started functioning as an independent entity in 1982, has organised itself sufficiently to take care of any problem.

The Capital governorate was the first to implement patrolling, followed by Jahra governorate in 1985, Hawalli governorate in 1987 and Ahmadi governorate in December 1987.



Al Matar

Shift

The Hawalli governorate, he added is the most densely populated area in Kuwait and is divided into seven security zones. Each zone has a number of police stations. There are 15 police stations and several patrols to cover the seven zones.

Patrols are divided according

to security requirements and to cope with the population. Each patrol consists of two policemen in one car. Patrols are on round-the-clock surveillance.

The duty is divided into three shifts with each shift having a co-ordinating officer. Each patrol is in continuous communication with the operation room which is equipped with modern wireless

devices and patrols are directed to locations according to security requirements.

The Ministry of Interior recently purchased 70 modern patrol cars specially equipped for security duties. They include first aid kits and stretchers to transfer the injured to hospitals.

Al Matar pointed out that in case cars break down on main or express roads, the patrol cars will try to fix them.

In case of accidents, patrol cars help injured individuals and institute enquiries from any eye witnesses to determine the cause of the accident. In case of traffic jams or out of order traffic lights, patrol cars first restore normal traffic and remain at the location till the light is fixed.

Co-operate

Al Matar concluded that patrols co-operate fully with citizens and residents and assist when contacted by the operations room. He called on citizens and expatriates to fully co-operate with the patrols and to report any suspicious activities.

In case of emergency people should contact telephone number 5324233 or 102 he said.



HH the Amir with President Momoh.

President Momoh holds talks with Amir

PRESIDENT Joseph Momoh of Sierra Leone held talks yesterday with HH the Amir on the prospects of boosting bilateral relations, Afro-Arab co-operation and the Gulf war, informed sources said.

Momoh, arrived yesterday from London. After his three-day stay in Kuwait, he is expected to fly to Lome, Togo, to attend a summit meeting of the Economic Community of West African States scheduled to begin on June 23.

A member of Momoh's delegation said earlier this week in Freetown that the president would seek aid to increase diamond production in Sierra Leone and finance a hydroelectric project and a 70-kilometre (44-mile) road alongside part of the Atlantic coastline.

Diamonds

Diamonds are Sierra Leone's chief export and account for 46 per cent of the country's foreign exchange earnings, reports from the Sierra Leonean capital said.

Momoh was said to be looking for \$70 million to develop a diamond mine, hoping to increase diamond production that would help fund the hydroelectric project as an alternative to oil imports.

Oil imports

make up 22 per cent of Sierra Leone's imports.

The Amir is current chairman of the 46-nation Organisation of Islamic Conference. Islamic states in Africa are members of the OIC.

Arab countries, like Kuwait, extend substantial assistance to the African states within the framework of the Arab League policy to bolster ties with Africa nations.

Suspended

The policy of Arab petrodollar funds in the past four years had been to suspend financial aid to any African state that has diplomatic relations with Israel.

The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development said a report released this week that it had extended 88 loans to non-Arab African countries totalling KD269.4 million (\$970 million) since the fund was established in 1961.

Sierra Leone is one of the African beneficiaries of the KFAED loans and Momoh's talks here were expected to tackle among other things the prospects of securing more Kuwaiti petrodollar assistance, according to the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Arabs want to retaliate

Western group blocks resolution against Israel in ILO meeting

GENEVA, June 18, (KUNA): Arab delegates at the 75th international labour conference today demanded that retaliatory action be taken against the Western group, for having blocked a resolution criticising Israel.

The US, Israel and the European group in the conference had introduced so many amendments to the Arab group resolution that there was no time to complete discussions on these, and accordingly it could not be voted on for adoption, they explained.

In addition to condemning Israel for violating work and employer rights in the West Bank and Gaza, the resolution called for the International Labour Organisation to establish a permanent committee to monitor events in the occupied territories.

Tactics

Palestine Liberation Organisation representative here Nabil Ramlawi said that a probable course of retaliatory action, likely to be announced formally next week, would be to employ the same tactics as the Western group at future ILO conferences to block any of their resolutions.

With only a few hours remain-

ing before the debate on the resolution had to be ended, there were still 30 amendments to be discussed and voted on, and as each one took approximately 45 minutes, there was absolutely no chance that they could be worked through, he said.

Collusion

All behind-the-scenes efforts by the Arab group to work out a deal with the supporters of Israel, including one that had even dropped the demand for the monitoring group, had been turned down by the US, he added.

Ramlawi and a spokesman of the Arab Labour Organisation, Sulaiman Ali, last night accused the US and the Western group, with the active collusion of the British chairman of the resolutions committee, of having set out from the start of the conference to kill the Arab resolution.

Prevented

He pointed out that while the Western countries claimed to support democracy, they had consciously prevented the adoption of not only a resolution on human rights in the occupied

Sheikh Nasser returns

THE International Labour Organisation's current session in Geneva has achieved important steps in the field of human rights, Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed said yesterday.

The official, who returned Friday night from Geneva, stated that the issue of human rights was a focal theme in the ILO's deliberations.

Speaking to KUNA, the chief Kuwaiti delegate to the session said Kuwait has been actively involved in the works of the organisation's 75th session, scheduled to wind up on June 22.

Kuwait called upon the international community to stand firm in the face of evil terrorism, he said, adding that the Kuwaiti delegation has returned from Geneva with a good harvest that would soon reflect positively on the social and labour spheres.

Jordanian envoy

JUSTICE and Legal Affairs Minister Dhari Abdullah Al Othman yesterday received at his office Jordanian Ambassador to Kuwait Nabil Al Talhoni.

Cordial talks were exchanged between the two officials in addition to bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest.

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Amiri audiences

HH the Amir received yesterday HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saeed Al Abdullah Al Sabah and Deputy Premier and Foreign Affairs Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saeed Al Abdullah yesterday received in his office at the Council of Ministers Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, the Minister of Interior and Sheikh Nasser Al Ahmed, the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour.

He also received the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed, Minister of State for Municipal Affairs, Mohammed Abdul Mohsen Al Rifai and the Minister of Oil Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa.

Sheikh Saeed later received the Ahmadi Governor Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem and board chairman and director-general of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fisheries Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Israeli theory aborted

A KUWAITI daily newspaper yesterday said the Israelis will realise at the end that the popular Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories has erupted as a result of their repressive measures against the Palestinians there.

In an editorial Al Rai Al Aam said the international public opinion has realised the aggressive nature of Israel and its hatred for all meanings of goodness, love and peace.

The paper pointed out that no one is expecting that Israel would change its aggressive policy, but the question that should be raised to its backers is if they are still continuing their oppressive positions and their blind support.

The paper stressed that the Palestinian uprising has aborted the Israeli theory of security within secure borders and now there is the theory of the uprising which succeeded in threatening the security of every Israeli settler everywhere.

Computer error denied

THE director of the consumer affairs department at the Ministry of Electricity and Water, Salem Al Khargawi, has denied that computers are the cause of errors which appear in water and electricity bills. He added that most complaints concerned registered increases in the consumption of fresh water, which could be attributed to defects in the internal water network or water consumption metres. He stressed that complaints were in fact very few in relation to the large number of consumers in the country.

Al Khargawi pointed out that the new system of water and power consumption bills was implemented by the ministry in 1986. Bills are calculated according to average consumption over the year and consumers are all-

Kuwaiti message

MUSCAT, June 18, (KUNA): Omani Minister of Information Abdul Aziz Mohamed Al Rawas on Saturday received a written message from his Kuwaiti counterpart Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Sabah.

Radio Muscat reported that Kuwait's Ambassador to the Sultanate, Abdul Wahab Al Adhmi handed over the message to the Omani minister during a meeting with him here today.

The Kuwaiti message was described by the radio as part of the process to co-ordinate among Arab Gulf media organisations.

Illiteracy eradication

THE director of the adult education and illiteracy eradication department of the Education Ministry, Abdul-Aziz Al Najdi, has said that illiteracy in Kuwait fell from 87.7 per cent to only 15.5 per cent among males and from 90.4 per cent to 36.9 per cent among females between 1957 and 1985. A law was passed in 1981 making education compulsory for illiterate males between 15 and 40 years old and illiterate females between 15 and 35 years old. Illiterate adults are encouraged to join evening classes and those who do not abide by the law are punished, as are employers who take them on. The department is studying the possibility of opening morning schools for illiterate women in some areas and will also open new adult education centres in the next academic year. Al Najdi added that centres were open to Kuwaiti men and women, military and police staff and their wives and children and citizens of the GCC states.

Saudi academy serves the Arab community in US

WASHINGTON, June 18, (KUNA): It may not be the world's best educational institute but it certainly is the leading Saudi-sponsored institute in the United States that serves both the growing Arab and Islamic communities.

The Islamic Saudi Academy, founded in 1984, is the first educational institute of its kind in the US—a model that teaches both the Arabic language and religion in Arabic according to the Saudi curriculum and teaches in English the curriculum set by the local American school authorities.

Most of the Arab children in the United States tend to forget their mother tongue and have to forgo much of their religious and cultural education so where would they go to maintain their language and moral values? The Saudi academy has proved to be just the right place for them.

Facilities

The academy aims to build in the students high moral values and behavioural standards as specified by Islam, says Saad Al Adwani, director of the academy.

Realising the importance of and need for the academy, the Arab and Islamic communities in

the Washington metropolitan area are rushing to enrol their kids in the school, but the limited number of rooms in the academy makes it almost impossible for them to find place.

Though the land owned by the Saudis is over 30 acres (120,000 square metres), there are few buildings on it and they have been outgrown by the expansion in recent years. However, plans are under way to expand existing facilities for the whole academy.

Waiting list

Enrolment at the academy has reached 580, with the student body representing 26 nationalities. There are also about 150 students on the waiting list some of whom have been waiting for more than two years.

"We cannot accommodate everybody, we have a limited space, and there is so much demand for the school," says Al Adwani. "This is the biggest problem we are facing right now."

Restricted by state laws concerning area expansion, the academy now is looking for another facility to accommodate the growing number of applicants to the school. Al Adwani believes that the new facility will be ready by next November.

Parallel education

THE director of the parallel education department, Ali Jaseem Al Shahin said the government pays great attention to this sector of education as it aims at establishing a new generation of national technical manpower.

He said that due to the country's expansion into the future, manpower requirements would essentially have to be well trained individuals capable of occupying senior positions at government and private sectors. He said that registration is open to all qualified students and each student is granted a stipend of KD30 including working clothes.

Considering parallel education to be a "human resources development" he said two new parallel education schools would open soon at Sabah Al Salem area which would be designed to accommodate a larger number of students. He urged parents and guardians to co-operate with schools to improve the level of education.

He disclosed that more than 845 students graduated from a number of parallel education departments and all were appointed at government ministries and establishments after having received their diplomas.

Ajman's college

ABU DHABI, June 18, (KUNA): Member of the Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Ajman Emirate Sheikh Hameed Bin Rashid Al Na'eemi today issued an Amiri decree establishing a technical college.

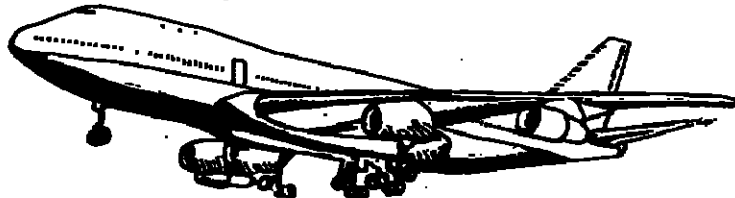
The decree stipulated that the college offers four-year programmes in technological and human sciences to meet the requirements of the local market.

The college, which will be based in Ajman, will be named Ajman's College for Sciences and Technology, according to the decree.

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Kuwait, Egypt sign judicial agreement

THE assistant undersecretary for legal affairs and planning at the Ministry of Justice, Abdul-Aziz Al Dakheel, has said that a judicial agreement has been signed between Kuwait and Egypt whereby convicts of either country could return there to serve prison sentences.

He said that part of this agreement was designed to strengthen judicial co-operation between the two countries in the field of training judges and prosecutors and that special courses would be arranged for Kuwaitis studying at the National Centre for Judicial Studies in Egypt in line with

Kuwaiti national requirements and specifications.

Al Dakheel disclosed that Kuwaiti courts had examined a total of 13,457 cases over the last year, concerning a variety of matters. He also said that in the same year, the general prosecution had examined a total of 80,949 criminal cases, the traffic court had issued 1,258 jail sentences and 1,867 licences had been withdrawn. A total of 6,728 travel bans were issued by the executive department and 991 people were jailed for failing to comply with the sentences they had been given.

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Proposal to increase power and water charges shelved

THE Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Homoud Al Rqobah yesterday announced that the government had shelved a proposal to increase charges of electricity and water.

The minister attributed the main reason for overconsumption to the low charges levied by the state on the consumption of electricity and water. He disclosed that the decision not to increase the charges stemmed from the ministry's hopes to succeed in convincing the public through awareness campaigns to reduce consumption of these two vital commodities — especially by the avoidance of indiscriminate usage. The minister, however, ruled out the possibility of Kuwait facing any deficit in the availability of

power or drinking water in the future — despite a sharp increase in consumption. He acknowledged that Kuwait did lose at least 15 per cent of its water production through leakages and effective measures and already been instituted to resolve this issue.

Al Rqobah also announced the success of the ministry in solving the "rusty colour" in drinking water. This was achieved by replacing old water pipes, increasing the concentration of calcium bicarbonates in the drinking water. He cited the problem of the continuous increase in the level of underground water in Kuwait and added that the use of huge quantities of water for many purposes would complicate the problem. He cited Kuwait's water con-

sumption to average over 120 million imperial gallons — sufficient to fill 11 huge football stadiums. However, the minister ruled out the possibility of using solar energy for air conditioning or heating as being not economically feasible.

Statistically speaking, the minister said the government pays 20 fils per kilowatt of power and in return charges only 2 fils from consumers; similarly, it gets only 800 fils for each 1000 gallons of water when the actual cost is KD2.

Meanwhile, the minister yesterday met at his office with the visiting Polish Minister of Environment and Natural Energy and discussed with him bilateral relations and issues of mutual concern.



Al Rqobah (left) meeting the Polish Minister of Environment and Natural Energy.

Health Ministry to tighten control on food and catering services

THE head of the preventive health department at the Ministry of Public Health Dr Jaffar Dawood stressed the department's continued efforts towards enforcing strict control over public food and catering services, including factories dealing with food items.

Precautions
Continuing, he said, the department's control measures covered the standards for preparation, storage, distribution to user locations and control over the validity of the products. Further, restaurants and other food establishments were granted licences in accordance with approved hygienic standards and special teams of inspectors carried out regular visits to food serving companies and factories to ensure the standards set by the ministry were enforced.

Dawood attributed the instan-

ces of food poisoning reported last year to negligence in providing regular maintenance services by food service companies — primarily as a cost-cutting measure. Another reason, he said, was the lack of regular health examination of workers at these companies to ensure they had no infections or viruses which could be transmitted to the food they prepared, processed, or served. A third reason for food poisoning was faulty storage or transport by customers which rendered the food unhealthy for consumption.

In a continuous drive to maintain the highest standards of health protection, he said, the department was taking extra precautions to ensure that people leaving the country for places where meningitis was known to be present would be vaccinated against this disease. This would

also be applicable to people from those areas coming into Kuwait. He added the anti-meningitis vaccination was also administered to pilgrims, workers, students, army personnel and others.

Campaigns
Dawood added, these measures were coupled by special awareness campaigns through the use of the public media to familiarise and acquaint people with the dangers of this fatal disease and ways to avoid catching the meningitis virus.

Concluding, he praised the measures adopted by the Government of Kuwait to control the waves of epidemics and infectious diseases as among the best followed anywhere in the world. This, he said, was reflected in the number of cases reported as being the lowest recorded throughout the world.

Budget includes no adjustments to salaries

AN authoritative source has been quoted as saying that the budget for the fiscal year 1988/89 included no adjustments to the salaries of either Kuwaiti or expatriate employees.

He told a local daily that the new budget, endorsed by the cabinet, with the first chapter allocated to salaries, had taken into account the inevitable increases resulting from the normal annual increments and regular promotions, hinting that the budget of the said chapter was fixed at KD 800 million.

The economic situation, the oil crisis and the decrease in oil revenues, as well as the instability of the foreign currencies market

are still negatively affecting the general budget of the state, but, in spite of this, the government will meet its obligations towards citizens, their salaries, emergency projects and necessary services projects.

The source also reported that a detailed statement prepared by the Ministry of Finance concerning the employees' housing issue was currently under study by the cabinet. He expected the final decision in this connection to be adopted by the Council of Ministers in its forthcoming session, suggesting that it was likely to provide financial allowances instead of accommodation for the employees concerned.

Municipality to hand over slaughter houses

A LOCAL daily reported yesterday that the central slaughter house and all of its branches would be transferred from Kuwait Municipality to the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth during the coming few days and that agricultural land allotments would also be transferred to the authority after being approved by the Council of Ministers. A responsible source told the daily that a specialised ministerial committee meeting was held last Thursday, where proposals to solve the contradiction between the authorities of the two ministries were agreed upon. The source pointed out that the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour has the same engagements and activities as eight other ministries and government establishments.

The source also mentioned a programme to be organised next September to develop the administrative sector. Senior officials of ministries as well as ministers will attend the programme. An expanded programme, attended

by 40 directors from Kuwait and another 40 from GCC states, is also planned. A study, which is scheduled for completion next August, will be made on ways to develop their standards and performance during the programme. Thereafter, a comprehensive report on developing the public administration will be prepared. The source added that the government's planned evaluation of all public servants would take more than 10 years to complete.

Passengers clash with security men

THREE Egyptian passengers, two men and a woman, were injured last Wednesday at Kuwait airport during a fight with security men of the Kuwait Airways Corporation plane that was supposed to go to Cairo. The three passengers were angered by a 12-hour departure delay due to a technical fault. They were later taken to the health centre of the airport for treatment.

Hendawi opens UNESCO regional meeting

AMMAN, June 18. (KUNA): Deputy Premier and Minister of Education Thagwan Al Hendawi today inaugurates experts meeting of the UNESCO regional bureau for the Arab states to discuss the regional programme to eradicate illiteracy in the Arab world by the year 2000.

The experts will discuss a regional cooperation programme between the Arab states and UNESCO similar to the regional programmes in Latin America, Africa, and Asia to boost the Arab states efforts in developing the primary school stages and eradicate illiteracy for the elderly in the Arab states by the turn of the century.

The three-day meeting, organised in cooperation with the Jordanian education ministry will also discuss work papers on the international year of illiteracy eradication to be marked in 1990.

Well-informed sources said that a number of proposals including the establishment of a technical unit to run and develop the programme will be discussed.

The meeting will be attended by experts in the Arab and friendly states education ministries meeting as well as UNESCO, UN agencies and the Arab League Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation's officials.

Crist holds talks with Omani officials

MUSCAT, June 18. (AP): Gen. George Crist, head of the US Central Command, has held talks with Omani Defence Minister Mutasim Al Busaidi and senior military staff, diplomatic sources reported today.

Crist flew in yesterday from his Florida headquarters, Centcom, which oversees the US naval task force in and near the war-imperilled Gulf. Oman lies on the southern edge of the waterway.

The sources said the purpose of Crist's three-day visit is to discuss issues of "mutual concern."

Oman, like other Gulf Arab

states, seeks a peaceful settlement of the nearly 8-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

Oman shares with Iran control of the strategic Strait of Hormuz, the sole outlet to the waterway. Iran's deployment of Chinese-made anti-ship Silkworm missiles along its side of the Hormuz had heightened the threat to shipping in the strait, patrolled by US and other Western forces.

Busaidi met Crist in February during a visit to Centcom at the invitation of Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci.

Saudi crown prince warns Iranians

RIYADH, June 18. (AP): Crown Prince Abdullah has issued a stern warning to Iran, saying in an interview published today that Saudi Arabia will not permit "any voice to rise higher than that of prayers" at the upcoming hajj in Makkah.

"I hope that no party, group or individual will try to test our determination to crush any riots or disturbances that mar the security of the pilgrims," said the prince in an interview published in the Saudi newspaper Al Sharq Al Awsat.

Abdullah was interviewed in London at the conclusion of a

state visit to Britain which he said dealt with terrorism as well as the proposed international peace conference on the Middle East and means of ending the Iraq-Iran war.

Abdullah said that British officials affirmed that they "do not deal with terrorists, with reference to the pro-Iranian groups holding three British hostages in Lebanon, and that the latest British contacts with Tehran are only designed to solve outstanding embassy problems."

Iran was accused of "terrorism and subversion" by Riyadh last April 26 when the kingdom broke diplomatic relations with Iran. Riyadh cited among other issues the riots by Iranian pilgrims at last year's annual pilgrimage season at the most sacred Islamic shrine in Makkah.

About half the estimated 145,000 Iranians who went on pilgrimage last year staged political demonstrations, stirring riots on July 31 that led to clashes with the police and the death of 402 pilgrims.

Prince Abdullah now visiting Ireland today met Prime Minister Charles Haughey.

Bahraini defence minister in Baghdad

NICOSIA, June 18. (AP): Bahrain's Defence Minister arrived in Baghdad today and declared that recent Iraqi victories in the war against Iran were "a source of pride for the Arabs," the Iraqi News Agency reported.

Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Khalifa, who also is Deputy Commander of Bahrain's Armed Forces, told the government agency that his visit to Iraq "is aimed at expressing the joy over these (Iraqi) victories."

He was referring to the recapture of territory by the Iraqis in two recent assaults against the Iranians in the southern sector of the battlefield. More recently, Iraq beat back an Iranian offensive in the region last week.

"The victories are considered a triumph for Bahrain, not only for Iraq," INA, which is monitored in Nicosia, quoted the Bahraini official as saying.

"Iraq has proved its superiority on both the offensive and defensive levels and this is a source of pride for the Arabs and for us as military men," he added.

The agency said Sheikh Khalifa planned to spend "several days" in Iraq and would meet with Iraqi officials. It gave no other details.

Shuwaikh shop owners still face threat of closure

SHOP owners in the wholesale market at Shuwaikh industrial area located near the fruits and vegetables market still feel threatened by the decision of the Municipality to close down their shops. However, a final decision

has not been taken. Consumers feel, these shops provide them services which the cooperatives cannot. Additionally, prices at these shops are cheaper than the societies.

A local newspaper interviewed a number of shop owners who commented that Shuwaikh is one of the most active areas in the country as it provides residents and citizens a cross-section of vital services. Moving to another location they claimed would cause hardship and monetary loss both to the shop owners and their clients. However, another section of shop owners said the government had every right to take decisions that preserved Kuwait's security, safety and organisation.

Alternate
Safwan Al Sahen considers Shuwaikh wholesale market to be one of the best markets in Kuwait. He added that customers come to this market because it is close to the fruits and vegetables market and it is cheaper than other Kuwaiti markets. He added, if it became imperative to move to another location, the government should give a two years notice to the shop owners, including providing alternate suitable accommodation. He added, presently the area provides residents with

all food requirements — besides the fish market. He added that his company owns more than four branches at the same location, including storage and freezer rooms.

Ridhwan Mahmood said that though the Municipality claim that they had previously warned the shop owners and had then extended the period for 6 more months, he had never heard of the warning. Nor, he claimed, did any official from the ministry or the Ministry of Commerce and Trade visit the shops for this purpose. He claimed that the destruction of the shops would entail grave losses. He himself employed over 200 workers at his shop.

Husain Saeed Abdullah, the general manager of Al Nahda Stores Company said that Shuwaikh area contained stores, freezers and commercial shops and it would be quite disadvantageous as well as cause logistical problems for the shop owners if the Municipality went ahead with the destruction and removal of shops.

Fawaz Mohamad Mahmood, a shop owner said a total removal of the shops from the area would cause many disadvantages — both to owners and shoppers and hoped the municipality officials would reconsider the decision.

Cattle owners urged to develop production

THE head of the cattle and dairy products department at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth, Abdul Riza Bahman, has called on owners of cattle to develop production and improve the quality of local livestock. He criticised those who import cheap, poor quality cattle and rejected the idea of importing cows only to produce fresh milk, which he claimed was dangerous both from the health and the economic points of view. The authority has imposed certain restrictions and technical specifications and inspects local farms, in order to avoid the problems which result from the importation of inferior quality cattle.

Bahman recommended measures to ensure the healthy condition of cattle, which included the introduction of good quality green fodder into their diet, the keeping of a health record for each of the cows and providing facilities for veterinary examination and treatment.

1,500 register for summer courses

DIRECTOR of Kuwait's Science Club main branch, Amir Ahmad Al Ali, said yesterday that the number of the club's members reached 7,300.

Al Ali told KUNA that the club on May 20, started to register applicants to the summer courses and their number so far reached 1,500.

He added that the club, which has a number of branches around Kuwait, consists of various departments such as, electronics, mechanics, aviation, astronomy, chemistry, in addition to other sections.

The members after attending three courses in any section, are given certificates and trophies, he noted.

Importance of border centres stressed

THE controller at Al Salmi border centre Khaled Al Mansour in an interview with a local daily said Kuwaiti customs centres bordering Saudi Arabia and Iraq and through Nowaiseeb, Al Salmi and Al Abdali constituted a vital gateway and directly affected the economic situation of the country, especially, during the summer travel season.

He said that an ongoing study is being prepared by the general customs department aimed at developing the border centres by providing them with the latest equipments, including police dogs to facilitate employees in detecting and foiling the smuggling of contrabands. He disclosed that only two days ago, a large quantity of narcotic pills along with several arms were seized. He disclosed that the Salmi centre was next in importance to the International Air Port Authority and that during the travel season 30,000 vehicles passed through the centre each month.

He requested passengers travelling in their own cars to

ensure bringing along their International Trip Ticket "K.T." He added, the centre was directed by the Ministry of Public Health to abide strictly by the health regulations applicable to all travellers and appealed to all to have valid health documents in their possession prior to arriving at the respective borders. He disclosed that the customs' department had provided centres with extra employees to meet the rush during the pilgrimage season.

Congestion
On the same issue, the assistant controller of the Al Salmi border Abdullah Al Mujarbi speaking to the same daily complained that the centre was witnessing severe congestion, particularly, in the evening, causing a burden on the employees. To avoid delay and inconvenience, he appealed to all travellers to abide by the safety and security procedures and to follow custom regulations.

The head of the inspection division at the same centre Shula-Weh Al Mutairi said that suspicious travellers were being continually monitored by the authorities, however, he claimed that smugglers posed a problem as they continually devised changed methods to avoid detection.

KISR honours long-serving employees

KUWAIT Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) held a party to honour the institute's employees who had completed 10 to 15 years of service.

Speaking on the occasion the director-general of KISR Dr Ahmed Al Jassar thanked the employees for their continued services and said the institute appreciated their contributions and continually endeavoured to upgrade human resources.

Also speaking on the occasion, Dr Siham Al Fulaiji, the director of policy and planning at the institute expressed her thanks to the institute's administration for recognising the services of long standing employees.

Sheikh Nawaf meets Brazilian team

DEFENCE Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmed yesterday received a delegation of the Brazilian Engiza military establishment, currently visiting Kuwait.

During the meeting, they reviewed means of upgrading co-operation between the two countries in the military field as well as issues of mutual interest.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Nawaf signed a contract with a local company to provide advanced equipment to the Kuwaiti Army.



A science club class in progress.

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GOING PLACES

Torn by different cultures



Thuraya Al Bakhsami.

times single-mindedly in her pursuit of art — part-time, in her spare time. If there is any rancour, it does not last long as she lapses into descriptive monologues about her overseas adventures.

Her first trip outside Kuwait was in 1956, when she went for studies to Beirut.

She recalls: "It was the first time I came face to face with the stark beauty of nature." For three years she "fed on nature, missing Kuwait all the time". This was the turning point in Thuraya's life. She became a naturalist.

"My outlook toward life changed. I became more appreciative of things that previously seemed foreign," she explains. She tried to learn from her experiences.

She took up serious art studies first in Cairo, and then studied graphic art and miniature painting in Moscow.

She started dabbling in water colour. From her stint in Asia, she absorbed a love for miniature, ornamental art. Some of the miniatures in her private collection are beautiful works of art.

Mexican Inca art inspires her. But it was in Moscow that she became fully involved with the world of colour, finding a lasting symbol for her works. The symbol is woman, ever present in all her works, be they

graphic or oil on canvas.

"There is nothing more beautiful, or more complex, than a woman," she says.

For her, a woman is the symbol of life and continuity. Everything revolves around women, she says. All her paintings revolve around women's sentiments; a woman trying to get acceptance in society; a helpless woman peeping through a hole in the door as she watches her husband bring home a second wife; women and children crying for help in a painting that profiles tragedy; or the angelic, innocence of a young girl stunning you with her virgin purity.

She uses cool summer colours or harsh blues. Shades of violet abound in her work; as do variations of emerald and ruby colours.

The colours match the mood of her works, which can disturb you with their intensely emotional appeal or make a flicker of a smile appear with their charming simplicity.

A creative person, she tries new techniques, imbibing them in her work, changing style from impressionistic to realistic. "Experimenting with style gives me new insight into art", she says.

"If you stick to one technique — and paint shows and towers, you don't grow as an artist," she explains.

As an artist, she has developed her own style "never suppressing my talent or repeating myself." If painting is



The Angel.

her obsession, writing is her hobby.

She was one of the first women to compile Kuwaiti folklore in a book called "Al Araa Al Awwal". To quote from her book the "fingerprints of times gone by are ever present in the country".

"They were tales told by my elders, and I thought I would put them down on paper," she says.

When she is not painting, or writing, she works as a full-time graphic artist for the Al Arabi magazine, illustrating poetry and prose.

"It is a great challenge to translate the ideas of other writers into images, trying to portray their inner feelings," she says.

Thuraya left Kuwait, returning only for holidays, in 1971. She came back in 1984. In four

years, she has nearly come to terms with life here. Yet, the itch to see lands anew never leaves her. So, each year, she travels abroad — exploring the beauty of other worlds, never tiring of learning.

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A veiled woman.

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NATIA to hold dance festival

MORE than 140 Indian children, representing 14 dance schools in Kuwait, will take part in an Indian dance festival in September. The festival has been organised by a recently formed group known as the National Art Theatre of Indians Abroad (NATIA).

The idea is to get Indians — from different regions — interested in each other's culture, said one NATIA member. The first NATIA show will feature "various forms of traditional and contemporary dances of India".

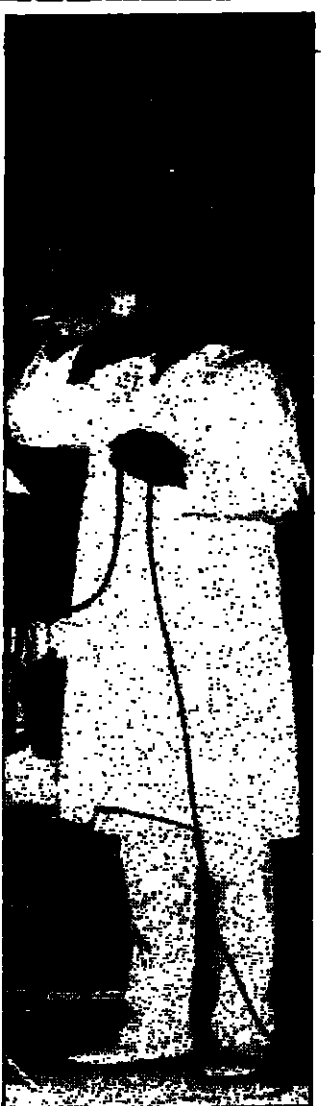
Such classical dances as kathak, bharatanatyam, mohiniyattam, kuchipudi, orissi and Manipuri will be performed. Folk dances from Punjab, Kashmir, Rajasthan, Bengal and Gujarat will also be presented.

The dance schools in Kuwait, run by experienced exponents, train over 1,500 Indian children each year. The dance experts will present more complicated dances for the audience in Kuwait.

NATIA, supported by 300 families from different parts of India, is "gradually evolving" to shape up as a forum to familiarise the culture of the north among the south Indians and vice versa. How far they succeed would be known only after their debut in September.

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Good Morning
9.30 Cartoons: Rahlat
Haul Al Alam
10.00 News followed by
variety entertainment
10.15 Shams Al Khareef:
featuring Tawfiq
Abdul Hamid, Zizi
Badawi, Suhair
Barouni
11.00 News Summary
11.15 Ghadan Tabdan Al
Hayat: local serial,
starring Suad
Abdullah, Hayat Al
Fahad, Ghanem Al
Saleh, Khalid Al
Obaid.
12.15 Hardcastle and
McCormick: with
Brian Keith
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via
Satellite
2.30 Bahloul: Arabic
serial, starring
Fadiya Khitab,
Assam Sulaiman.
3.35 Bill and Sebastian:
cartoon serial
4.00 News Summary
4.20 Mamnoon's Lil
Talaba: Arabic film,
featuring Samir

Sabri, Maha Abu
Araf.
6.00 Al Manahel: chil-
dren's serial
7.10 In Public Service:
You and Your
Health
7.45 Diwaniyat Shuara al
Nabt: poetry session
8.00 Souk Al Ghaz: daily
Arabic serial. Star-
ring: Mohammad
Saeed Shirin, Zuhair
Numani.
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Riffat Al Hijjan:
daily serial; ep.12
10.30 Huwar Ma'a Karam
Mahmoud: variety
show.
11.50 News Summary/World
News via
Satellite/Closedown
12.20 News Summary/Ho-
ly Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 The Care Bear Car-
toons
6.30 Danger Bay: "Eye of
the Storm." A boy
seeks refuge in
Robert's house;
Nicole helps him
reunite with his
family.

7.00 Understanding
Islam: weekly talk on
Islam.
7.36 The Wacky World of
Sports: a half-hour
show of unusual
sports.
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Flying Doctors:
"Departure." A
nurse wants to leave
her job for further
studies but she is per-
suaded by the doc-
tors to continue her
work in the desert.
9.30 Together We Stand:
"Mother Can You
Spare Me A Dime."
Larry raises a loan.
Comedy.
10.00 Hilary's World of
Adventure: tonight's
episode takes you to
a daring adventure to
cross a waterfall in
Australia; rodeo
contests are also
featured.

11.20 Best-Seller: "Jacque-
line Kennedy."
12.40 News Summary
12.45 Magazine D'Ac-
tualite/Closedown

Please note that pro-
grammes and timings are
liable to change without
notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

Morning
0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Bands with a beat
0930 Songs and Music
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1030 Pick of the Pops
1100 Closedown
1330 News on FM Service

BBC World Services

0600 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsworld
30 Great British Concert Halls
0100 News Summary followed by
Play of the Week: 5th An Ideal
Husband; 12th A View From
the Mountain; 19th Chance
Visitor; 26th Number One
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 5th and 12th Future Im-
pact; 19th and 26th Sports-
world
30 The Ken Bruce Show (ex 12th
Vision; 26th The Colour)
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 From Our Own Correspon-
dent
30 A Word in Edgeways
0400 News
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News
Summary
30 The A-Z of Hollywood (ex 5th
Big Bands — The Singers)

45 Letter from America
0600 News
30 Jazz for the Asking
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News
Summary
30 From Our Own Correspon-
dent
45 5th and 12th Words: 19th and
26th Sportsworld
50 5th and 12th Waveguide; 19th
and 26th Sportsworld contd.
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 The Pleasure of Your
Voice
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Science in Action
45 5th and 12th Squaring the
Triangle; 19th and 26th The
Bishops Come to Lambeth
1000 News Summary followed by
Short Story
15 Classical Record Review
30 Religious Service
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 From Our Own Correspon-
dent
30 Great British Concert Halls
1200 News Summary followed by

Play of the Week: 5th An Ideal
Husband; 12th A View From
the Mountain; 19th Chance
Visitor; 26th Number One
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News
Summary
30 Sports Roundup
45 The Tony Myatt Request
Show including at 1400 News
Summary
1430 A Word in Edgeways
1500 Radio Newsworld
15 Concert Hall (ex 12th Sports-
world)

ALL TIMES GMT

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Behereen Qasbi
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Ek Khayal Ek Geet
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Geet Kahani
2100 Closedown

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
The Last Shark
Starring: James Francisco,
Vicki Moro
Al Sahiya
Desperately Seeking Susan
Starring: Madonna
Al Hamra
Qaher Al Fursan (Arabic)
Starring: Yunus Shalabi,
Dalal Abdul Aziz, Wahid
Saif
Drive-In
Laila Al Kabz Ala Bakaiza
Wa Zaghoul (Arabic)
Starring: Suhair Babli, Issad
Yunus
Al Firdous
Pyar Ke Kabil (Hindi)
Starring: Rishi Kapoor,
Poonam Dhillon
Fahaeel Open-Air
Bulandi (Hindi)

Starring: Raj Kumar
Al Fahaeel
Mines of Kilimanjaro
Al Jahra
Aadmi (Hindi)
Granada
Shor (Hindi)
Salaikhah
Last Hunter
Al Jeeb
Nombarrathi Poovu
(Malayalam)
Ahmadi Drive-In
Jeremiah Johnson

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.13 am
Zuhr 11.49
Asr 3.23 pm
Maghreb 6.50
Isha 8.23

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Islamic Arts Museum
THE museum, located on Arab
Gulf Street, is open from 8.30
am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30
pm, Saturday to Thursday. A
collection of the finest Islamic
art objects are on show.

Tareeq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabriya
houses a collection of Islamic
arts, costumes and jewellery
from the Muslim world. Sum-
mer timings are 9 am to 12 noon
and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs.
On Friday the museum is open
only in the mornings.

THEATRE

Sounds Great
Anyone interested in
audioing for future Sounds
Great shows — singers, dan-
cers or musicians — are re-
quested to contact Ken Winston on
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SOCIAL

Onam Festival
The Viswabarathi
Theatres, Abbasia, will
celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at
the Indian Arts Circle. The
programme comprises Onam
songs, Mohiniyattam, classical
dances, Thiruvathirakali, folk
dances, light music, one-act
play, boat race and Kerala
rural arts. Those interested in
taking part contact Lazar Var-
ghese — 4314511; Thomas

Pereumpilly - 4810490 ext. 207;
Varghese Parakkal - 2422973.
D'Assisi Association

The association will hold a
social evening on entertain-
ment on August 11 at Messilah
Beach Hotel. The event is part
of the 40th anniversary of
Indian independence. Top
Ranks and Next of Kin will be
in attendance. For details con-
tact Leena - 2469811, 9.30 am
to 5 pm; Henry 3291909/am,
3717346 (pm) or Augustine
5746754 after 6 pm.

Eid Reunion
An Eid Reunion party for
Bangladeshi engineers and
architects will be held at Mes-
silah Beach Hotel, Al Amal
Hall, at 7 pm on June 23. For
details phone 4718517;
4311351; 3713923 after 3 pm.

United Goans Centre

The UGC will hold their
annual Summer Belle 88 con-
test on August 11. The commit-
tee will host a gala event to
mark the 10th anniversary of
UGC.

CINEMA

British Council
The feature film, The Shoot-
ing Party, will be shown at the
British Council, Mansouriya,
on June 25 and 26 at 6.30 pm. It
is a charming, perceptive story
about the last gasps of the
Edwardian society. Approx-
imately 96 minutes. Admission
is free but it is advisable to
reserve seats in advance. Tel:
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HOTELS

At the Meridian
Al Fingan Tea Lounge

features a selection of coffee,
tea and juice. Live entertain-
ment in the evening is provided.
Versailles is open daily for
lunch and dinner featuring
Continental cuisine. Business
lunch with three choices daily
also offered. Live entertain-
ment in the evening.

At the Sheraton
Nightly dine in the Hunt
Room with live music by the
Trio Paradise. For lunch Hunt
room offers a la carte. Tarbou-
che on the roof features a
variety of Lebanese cuisine on
Sunday nights. Live entertain-
ment by the World Machine
Band.

At the Continental
The Gardenia, open from 7
am to midnight, offers dinner
buffet on Thursdays; the buffet
features grilled specialties. The
Friday lunch features Indian,
Arab and Continental cuisine.

The Darbar offers an Indian
buffet lunch daily except
Fridays and a la carte for din-
ner.

SPORTS

PBAK Bowling

Tournament
The Philippines Bowlers
Association in Kuwait (PBAK)
will hold their bowling tour-
nament for men's and women's
doubles on June 24 and July 1
and 8, at the Holiday Inn Hotel.
The tournament will be held
from 6 pm to 10 pm. The elimi-
nation rounds will be held on
June 24. The semi-finals are on
July 1 and the finals are on July
8. For registration contact
PBAK director Sarah
Macarimbang — Tel: 4843447.

Sound-alikes entertain Indians



Riyasat Ali (orchestra pictured in the background) (Photos by Ahmed Birouni)



Sabina



Bader Siddiqui

INDIANS had gone for a live performance of hit film songs, sung originally by such singers as Mohammad Rafi, Asha Bhonsale, Talat Mehmood and Hemant Kumar, to name a few. They were not disappointed at a concert of popular Indian music, presented by the Saz aur Awaz group, the second by the local group.

Sound-alikes were aplenty. The singing couple Shahnawaz Karim and Sabina sang a delightful selection of Mohammad Rafi and Asha hits; Bader Siddiqui entertained with his rendition of Talat Mehmood golden oldies and Qamar Parvaiz won much applause with Hemant Kumar songs.

The local singers were given backup by an orchestra ably conducted by Anwar Hussain Abdullah, supporting the singers with good music during the show, which lasted over three hours. A selection of 27 songs were presented by the singers, in addition to two instrumental numbers by the orchestra.

The Saz aur Awaz group also paid homage to the great Indian actor, Raj Kapoor, who died on June 2.

Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha presided, and N.N. Sethi, their chief patron, attended the show. SZ

EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THE farther backward you look, the farther forward you are likely to see — Sir Winston Churchill, British statesman (1874-1965).

Turkey, Greece ties to improve slowly

By John Owen-Davies

ANKARA, (Reuters): Feuding NATO members Turkey and Greece face a long haul, possibly over many years, to resolve longstanding differences following often tense talks between their prime ministers in Athens this week.

"If we rush things we will get them worse. As the saying goes, the devil interferes with things you hurry. There is nothing that cannot be solved. We just need time," Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal told reporters on his way home.

His talks with Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu produced no major movement on the basic disputes of divided Cyprus and Aegean Sea rights, causes of three decades of enmity which nearly resulted in war 15 months ago.

"It is like a military campaign. There are small gains over a wide front but no breakthrough is in sight," said a Turkish source, before a bland joint communiqué was issued in Athens.

Cheers and claps on Ozal's plane greeted the pilot's announcement that they had re-entered home air space after a three-day visit, marked by extraordinary security and anti-Turkish protests by Armenians, Kurds and Greek Cypriots.

Friendship

On the positive side, Papandreu accepted an invitation to visit Ankara. Greek officials said the talks helped to foster a budding friendship between the two premiers, who launched the peace process in the Swiss ski resort of Davos in January.

Ozal, the first Turkish prime minister to make an official visit to Greece since Adnan Menderes, in 1952, said: "We had a brain exercise — every step is more fruitful than before."

Both premiers, whose political futures are largely pinned to the peace initiative, chided the press and others for seeking too much from the latest talks, their third since January.

But during tense moments on the second day, it was clear their friendship was almost all that stood between breakdown and a semblance of success with mutual acrimony.

"Some Greek officials have not been altogether correct in their approach to us. It started

with the Greek newspapers and spread to them," said a member of Ozal's delegation, who asked not to be named.

Minister of State Adnan Kahveci, who heads the Turkish side of a joint economic committee, said: "It may take years to get things softer. We are taking it step-by-step."

Agreement

Agreement was reached for the joint political and economic committees to meet for a second time in September, a month before Papandreu's likely visit to Ankara.

Papandreu, referring to problems that took root around the time Greece broke from Turkish-Ottoman rule in 1830, said: "One expecting after three meetings... that all Greek-Turkish issues will be resolved knows very little about the course of history."

The Greek leader, who faces a re-election struggle by mid-1989, told a news conference: "Without wanting to give an optimistic picture, I see some light at the end of the tunnel relating to Cyprus."

Troops

Ozal told his news conference in Athens — an inconceivable event before Davos — he could not confirm Turkish press reports some Turkish troops may be withdrawn from break-way northern Cyprus, adding that the soldiers would not stay indefinitely.

The presence of Turkish troops, sent to Cyprus in 1974 after a brief coup in Nicosia engineered by the military junta then ruling Greece, is the major stumbling block to better ties.

The troops' issue has affected Turkey's ties with the United States and the European Economic Community (EEC). Ozal applied for full Turkish membership of the EEC in April last year.

The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus — recognised only by Ankara — says there are up to 19,000 Turkish troops on the island. UN and other sources put the number at about 29,000, backed by some 300 tanks.

Ozal said Greece and Turkey must work together to encourage leaders of the two Cypriot communities, who may meet next month, to join a new UN peace initiative. But he insisted the solution lay in a bi-communal, bi-zonal federated state.

Israeli Labour party banks on new faces

By Bernard Edinger

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (Reuters): The Israeli Labour party, which lost its political stranglehold 11 years ago because voters regarded its leaders as old and dogmatic, has drawn on younger blood in hopes of winning the November general election.

The party's 1,300-member central committee chose 16 newcomers among 45 politicians selected on Wednesday for its parliamentary list.

"It's an entirely new party, much more representative," said Labour spokesman Michal Cohen.

The best known victim of the selection process was former Foreign Minister Abba Eban, who withdrew after failing to get enough votes to secure a top place on the voting list.

Labour shares power in a four-year-old coalition government with its traditional rival, the rightist Likud bloc, but each side hopes for a sizeable victory in November that would enable it to rule alone.

Prominent among the 16 would-be new parliamentarians are representatives of Israel's oriental or Sephardic Jews, whose origins are in Islamic countries and who now constitute more than half the population.

Ignored

Many of these Jews, who make up the bulk of Israeli blue-collar voters, had voted Likud in the past because they believed that Labour ignored them and was dominated by men and women of European origin.

High in the new Labour list are Eli Dayan and Amir Peretz, mayors of newly built "development towns" inhabited mostly by Jewish immigrants from North Africa.

Appeals to Soviet immigrants were made through the selection of Ephraim Gur, who came from

Soviet Georgia and is the youngest candidate at 32.

Once a focus of opposition to religious coercion in everyday life, Labour has also sought allies among "modern-thinking" religious Jews. One new candidate was Avraham Burg, son of long-time National Religious Party leader Yosef Burg.

Labour held its stronghold on Israeli politics from Israel's creation in 1948 until May 1977 when then-Likud leader Menachem Begin ejected it from power in an upset victory.

Many Israelis who had no sympathy for Begin chose to deprive Labour of votes because they were tired that the party and state seemed to be identified as one and the same.

The late Labour Prime Minister Golda Meir typified this attitude when she said: "What is good for Mapai is good for Israel."

Mapai, the Hebrew acronym for "party of the workers of the land of Israel," was Labour's name in pre-state years and immediately afterwards.

Meir surrounded herself with colleagues of her generation, men and women who — like founding father David Ben-Gurion — arrived in then-Palestine from Eastern Europe about the time of World War I.

Many remained fired all their lives with the ideals of their youth in secret revolutionary societies in Tsarist Russia.

"Today we are no longer in the era where copies of the communist manifesto are handed out at congresses," said Susan Hattis-Rohlf, editor of Spectrum, a Labour magazine in English.

"It doesn't mean there is no longer any ideology. What is common throughout the party today is readiness for territorial compromise with Arab states."

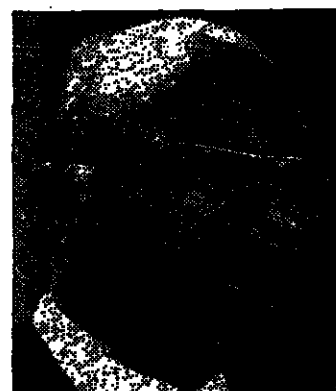
The November campaign is widely expected to be fought on the issues of peace and war with Arab states.

US trade with Soviet Union has been infinitesimal

Moscow has hardly anything to sell to America

Inside Washington

By Henry Brandon



Clayton Yetter

Yetter predicted that they will continue irrespective of the domestic turbulence.

There has been a hiatus in negotiations with the South Korean government after the elections, but now, with a new government in control that can take decisions, they will be resumed. He admitted that some of the concessions the US is asking for are politically sensitive and bound to encounter opposition within the South Korean government.

But, Yetter said, South Korea is a major trading partner of the United States and since it has built up a big trading surplus with the United States it must open its market to American goods.

Bill

Meanwhile the fate of the monumental trade bill that has been in the works for three years and was vetoed by President Reagan, is in balance. Yetter thinks that there is a slightly better fifty-fifty chance than that it will be resubmitted with the clauses the president objected to bedeviled.

Whatever the reasons, this decision is not going to please the general secretary for he has said repeatedly that he expected the more amicable Soviet-American relationship to lead to freer East-West trade.

However, it will not be easy for the United States to prevent a growth of East-West trade and the granting of major credits. The decline of the value of the dollar has made it easier for the United States to compete in foreign export markets and made it more difficult for foreign countries to sell their exports in the United States. This in turn will force countries like West Germany, Italy, Japan and, possibly Britain and the Scandinavian countries, to make up for their losses in the American market by doing business with the Soviet Union.

With perestroika having failed so far in improving the availability of consumer goods for the average Soviet citizen, the Soviet government, in order to preserve faith in Gorbachev's promises, has been forced to buy important consumer goods abroad and this is likely to continue if credits are granted in the West. It will be hard for Western enterprises to resist gaining a foothold in the Soviet market, even if this involves granting major credits, especially since the Soviet Union has been up to now a good credit risk.

Trade

Some bankers, though believe that with the drop in the oil price the Soviet credit rating may not prove to be as good as it has been in the past. Nevertheless, East-West trade will expand, not as fast as Gorbachev may have hoped, but faster than Washington thinks is desirable.

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Credits

The Reagan administration is against the extension of credits to the Russians because there is still the fear that credits would enable the Soviets to use the money they would save thanks to the credits for high-tech purchases for military purposes.

President Reagan, for that reason, will ask the Western industrial nations participating in the economic summit meeting in Toronto to help tighten the current monitoring procedures of Western credits to the Soviet Union and to prevent the kind of violations of the CoCom rules, which govern the exports of high-tech products that have occurred in the last few months.

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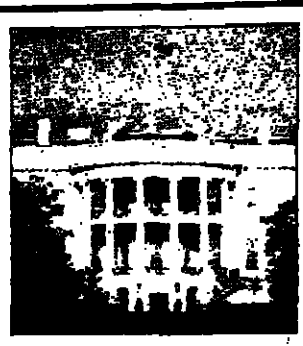
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President Reagan

Various Congressional staff members, directly involved, estimated that the chances are at best fifty-fifty. The bill which is supposed to be about trade designed primarily to force Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and some others to offer easier access to American goods, has become a political football in the American presidential election campaign.

The Democrats in Congress believe that the presidential veto of the bill will hurt the Republicans because they believe that public sentiment is protectionist.

Imports

What has slowed down the improvements in the trade balance are continued high imports and the high rate of consumption in the United States, but Yetter predicted that consumption will slow down without leading to an economic recession. The volatile exchange rate of the dollar required courage on the part of corporation executives in determining their plans for new investments.

But with the dollar likely to remain stable it will be less risky to plan ahead which in turn should further strengthen the American economy and world trade.

A strong American economy — and all indications are that it will remain strong without stimulating higher inflation and low unemployment, in traditional political terms should help Vice-President George Bush's presidential campaign. And so should the improvements of Soviet-American relations after the Moscow summit meeting which made President Reagan look like anything but a "lame duck".

One of his aides told me that Reagan is determined to conduct an active presidency to his last day in office. Although he returned tired from Moscow, he has since undergone two weeks of briefings for today's Toronto economic summit, he added, without nodding off even once. He is apparently also determined to do some intense campaigning for the vice-president.

It is a time-honoured truth that the kind of peace and prosperity that so many Americans enjoy, currently helps the party in power and its presidential candidate. It is assumed therefore that such conditions keep people from wanting to vote for the opposition party.

At least for the time being, though, it does not seem to apply to Bush's candidacy. According to the latest opinion polls he is almost ten points behind Michael Dukakis, the Democratic candidate. There has been a slight narrowing of the gap, but not enough for Bush's comforts. Has the war-and-peace issue lost its political force? Those who believe in that theory argue that the new Soviet-American détente has defused the peace issue and the widespread feeling of economic prosperity has raised public willingness to risk voting for the opposition candidate.

I don't believe that what is happening now, before the party conventions, is particularly indicative of how Americans will vote in November. It could be indicative, though, of the personal impression the two candidates have made on the American public so far.

Bush has gone over to the attack, pointing out Dukakis' weaknesses. He is following the political text books which advise that a presidential candidate should attack his opponent and conduct a negative campaign at the start and only later lay out his policies and vision for the future.

So far neither of the two candidates has ignited much enthusiasm. The Democrats, who tend to throw themselves into election campaigns with passion, complain about Dukakis being a cold fish, a technocrat, and Republicans are disappointed by Bush's poor performance. Whatever the opinion polls may say, the race remains wide open.

Presidentship no more an impossible dream

Barriers fall to Jackson's unorthodox campaign

By Rita Beamish

SAN DIEGO, (AP): "When I become president there are no more impossible dreams."

It was a refrain Jesse Jackson repeated often in his travels across the United States. He often seemed to marvel at how the illegitimate son of a poor black teenager had ended up the political host of adoring crowds from Beverly Hills to West Memphis, Arkansas, protected by a pack of Secret Service agents and trailed by a busload of cameras and reporters.

Even if he didn't become president, Jackson said his presidential campaign showed how far blacks had come since the days when they were relegated to the back of the bus.

Nobody really knew how Jackson would be received in his second Democratic presidential bid, and he angrily objected to the "but he can't win" tag that often followed his name in news reports. When the curtain fell on the primary season last Tuesday, he had collected nearly 7 million votes, some 29 per cent of the total.

That was more than double his 1984 total and a second place finish out of an original field of seven Democrats.

Won

He won the vote in Alabama, Alaska, Delaware, Georgia, Virginia, District of Columbia, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, South Carolina, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Some states where he won more than 20 per cent of the vote had black populations of less than 1 per cent, thus accomplishing one of Jackson's key goals this year — adding white votes to his core constituency of blacks.

Jackson delights in belittling the skeptics and pundits who speculated he couldn't do that.

On the campaign trail, he often told the story of a white supporter who came up to him in Beaumont, Texas. The man recalled he had seen Jackson 20 years earlier at a civil rights demonstration. He was on the other side, wearing the robes of the Ku Klux Klan.

The man said he was voting for Jackson in 1988.

There were other such dramatic stories along the campaign trail as Jackson crisscrossed the country courting blue collar workers, farmers, women,



Jesse Jackson

gays, Hispanics and other minority groups with his message of "economic common ground."

Today, Jackson claims the legacy of his campaign is in the creation of a coalition forged against "ancient barriers" of race, religion, sex. He says he will make it a permanent political force beyond the election.

Officially, he launched his 1988 campaign last October. In reality, he had never really stopped campaigning after 1984, continuing to travel the country dazzling audiences with his oratorical skills.

His campaign kickoff in a rural Iowa hamlet was part of his concerted 1988 effort to attract hard pressed farmers along with others who had suffered in the years of President Ronald Reagan's government.

The other centerpiece of his campaign was a promise to put a stop to drugs and guns in the streets of America.

Trademark

The drug issue quickly became one of the most consistent crowd pleasers in Jackson's stump speech. Soon others in the race were also hitting the drug theme. Jackson's speeches were often as motivational as political in orientation.

"I want something government can't give you," he told a rally last week. "I want you to feel better about yourself, lift your spirits."

"Just because it rains you don't have to drown," was a vintage Jackson line.

Jackson's trademark was crowds numbering in the thousands.

His penchant for wading into the throng to shake hands and pick up babies contributed to another trademark, a schedule

that invariably ran hours behind schedule.

It was a non-traditional candidacy — that of a black Baptist minister who had never held any governmental post. His views were on the far left of his party in a year when Democrats were moving toward centrist positions.

But Jackson made it a point from the beginning to stake out a more conciliatory posture than his rebel stance of 1984, when he alienated many Democrats by attacks on his own party.

He brought in advisers with longtime party credentials, and in contrast to 1984 spent time meeting with Congressional and state level Democratic leaders.

He made friends like the popular Texas agriculture commissioner, Jim Hightower. He found some enemies, like the outspoken mayor of New York City, Ed Koch, who made himself the voice of the anti-Jackson Jewish vote.

In the numerous debates held by the seven Democratic contenders, Jackson invariably seized the chance to lend levity to the events.



A shopkeeper shows off a US rifle in Darra, the arms capital of Pakistan. Gunsmiths have supplied, smuggled and copied weapons to customers for over a hundred years in the small, dusty town along the Afghan border. (Reuters wirephoto)

Arms capital of the North-West Frontier Province

By Eric Hall

DARRA, Pakistan, (Reuters): The customer wants a fresh magazine and sends bullets from the Kalashnikov-style rifle whirling over the heads of two small

Gunsmiths of Darra are good copy-cats

schoolgirls with prettily painted faces. They do not even flinch. Walking the dusty main street of Darra, arms capital of Pakistan's North-West Frontier, is not for the nervous.

Outside hundreds of gunshops lining the street, customers crack off test shots, apparently unconcerned about where the bullets may fall.

For more than a hundred years, the gunsmiths of Darra have been making copies of every conceivable weapon, or smuggling in the genuine article to sell.

A century ago, they sold guns to kill soldiers of Britain's Imperial Army. Most recently, they have been selling guns to kill Soviet troops in neighbouring Afghanistan.

Fierce

The Soviet Army is leaving, but gunshop proprietors say there is still a healthy "export" trade to the rest of Pakistan. And the locals continue to feud among themselves enthusiastically.

The North-West Frontier Province, inhabited by fierce mountain tribes, was created by the former British administration in India as a buffer region against the Afghans and imperial Russia.

Pakistan maintains loose control over the region but tribal law still rules, and Darra's gunsmiths carry on their trade unhindered.

The gunshop proprietors, mainly Afghani people, are proud of their role in arming their guerrilla cousins over the border to fight Soviet troops.

"We were the first to supply them with guns before all these foreign weapons started coming in," said Akbar of Gul Akbar and Sons, arms dealers.

"It wasn't the Geneva agreement that got the Soviets out," he said, referring to the pact which is sending Moscow's troops home. "It was this," he cried, waving a rifle in the air.

A copy of 7-mm, single-shot rifle costs the normal customer the equivalent of about \$130. "But we give it to the mujahedeen (guerrillas) for \$80," said Akbar.

Cost

Around town, copies of Soviet Kalashnikov assault rifles cost about \$240, an anti-aircraft machine-gun about \$1,500.

Darra's gunsmiths, however, admit the real thing is better. Captured Soviet weaponry at other smuggled arms are at least twice the price of copies.

In the backstreets, tiny workshops turn out each component

By Max Prangnell

THE GHOST of Mary Jo Kopechne and her death at Chappaquiddick bridge have returned to haunt Senator Edward Kennedy.

As the former presidential candidate runs for his fifth full term of office as senator for Massachusetts this year, Joseph Gargan, his cousin and lawyer, has broken 19 years of silence to reveal what really happened on Chappaquiddick island that tragic summer night in 1969.

Gargan's revelations are made in a book by Leo Damore called *Senatorial Privilege* it is to be published in America on June 23. If the disclosures are true they show how Kennedy has deceived police and newspaper investigators for almost two decades, and how the weight of the Kennedy political machine was responsible for a conspiracy of silence. However, the Kennedy family have denied the charges.

Alleged

What Gargan is alleged to claim is that Kennedy planned to lie about who was driving the car, did not appear interested in saving Kopechne, and as a result of his indifference did not report the accident for almost 10 hours.

The book emphasises that if Kennedy had acted with more care and sooner Kopechne could be alive today.

All that has been certain up to now is that Kopechne, a young political secretary, was found dead in Kennedy's overturned Oldsmobile car in a river off Chappaquiddick island on a murky Sunday morning on July 19, 1969.

By evening, as news of the event filtered off the island near Martha's Vineyard on America's east coast, questions began to be asked.

Newsweek magazine set the tone: "On the face of it what happened to Teddy Kennedy at about midnight last Friday on a sandy islet of Chappaquiddick seemed at first hardly different from the kind of incident desk sergeants inscribe on police blotters every night of the week this time of year.

"A man drives a girl home after a late-night party at a summer resort, misses a narrow bridge on an unfamiliar road and plunges into the waters below... But, when the man in

question is a senator, a Kennedy whose star is ascendant, when at least eight hours elapse between the tragedy and his reporting it — and when the senator's associates are known to have been powerfully concerned over his drinking habits, his daredevil driving and his ever-ready eye for a pretty face, then the incident cries out for precisely the explanations, which as Teddy went into seclusion in the family home of Hyannis port, were left bafflingly obscure."

The party was the second annual reunion for six single women, known as "the boiler-room girls." They were secretaries and administrators who had worked in Robert Kennedy's presidential campaign, but, when he was assassinated, had drifted apart and taken other jobs.

One of the women, Esther Newberg, suggested to Joseph Gargan, the Kennedy's cousin and close political aide, that they should have a reunion "cook-out" on the tiny Chappaquiddick island in the Atlantic.

Gargan rented a cottage and invited Kennedy and four other men: Jack Crimmins, Kennedy's part-time chauffeur; Paul Markham, his legal confidant; Ray La Rosa, a former campaign worker; and Charles Tretter, a lawyer and campaign aide.

Fixer

Gargan, in his capacity as "fixer" to the Kennedy family, provided drinks, a barbecue and music from a portable radio. Nevertheless it was a slightly anxious affair. Nobody seemed to be in party mood. Gargan remembered Kennedy leaving with Kopechne at about 11.50 pm.

In Damore's book, Gargan tells how, shortly after midnight, La Rosa went into the cottage's kitchen and told him that the senator wanted to see him.

When he got outside, Kennedy was sitting on the back seat of a Plymouth Valiant. "There's been a terrible accident," Kennedy said. "The car's gone off the bridge down by the beach, and Mary Jo is in it."

Gargan recalled: "He made it clear he was driving the car, and Mary Jo was with him. He didn't say how the accident happened. All he said was: 'There's been an accident.'"

Ghost of Chappaquiddick haunts Ted Kennedy again



Police retrieve Senator Kennedy's car in a river off Chappaquiddick bridge, in which Mary Jo Kopechne (inset) lost her life, and Senator Kennedy his presidential hopes.

That's all I needed to know. The only thing that hit my mind was: 'Go to the bridge as quickly as possible.'

The book tells how Gargan, Markham and Kennedy raced to the bridge and while Kennedy lay on his back with his hands behind his head, Markham and Gargan dived into the water.

In the fast-flowing current, it became clear that a rescue attempt by the two drunk men was impossible. "I was thinking what happened had to be reported immediately," Gargan is reported as saying.

The book claims that Kennedy said: "Okay, take me to Edgartown." As the three drove towards the island's shore opposite the fashionable summer resort, Kennedy, according to Gargan, kept saying: "Do you believe it Joe? Do you believe it Joe? Do you believe it Joe?"

Gargan is described telling how the senator was silent about his intentions but appeared not to want to report the accident. He asked to be taken back to the cottage to establish a story. Kennedy suggested that when he was back at

the Shiretown Inn, the nearby hotel in which he was supposed to have been staying, Gargan could "discover" the accident and report to the police that Mary Jo had been alone in the car.

Problems

There were, however, several problems with this scheme: neither the senator, nor Markham knew Mary Jo that well and neither could say whether she could drive or even possessed a driving license; they did not know if Kennedy had been seen at the bridge by anybody;

and besides, Gargan realised that it would be almost impossible to persuade the rest of the people at the party to provide an alibi and get Kennedy off the hook.

According to Gargan, Kennedy became irritable until finally, as their car approached the shore, he said: "All right, Joe, I'll take care of it. You go back. Don't upset the girls, don't get them involved."

To Gargan and Markham's astonishment, Kennedy is said to have jumped out of the car and dived off the quayside into the water. As he started swim-

TEDDY ESCAPES, BLONDE DROWNS

Kennedy Car Runs Off Bridge

Kennedy is charged as fears grow for political career

Kennedy to face trial today

Kennedy denies being drunk or acting immorally

Contemporary newspaper headlines on the scandal.

ming across the short stretch of water that divides Chappaquiddick from Edgartown, Gargan, who was deeply unimpressed by Kennedy's handling of the tragedy, said: "I hope he drowns, the son of a bitch."

Gargan and Markham could not believe what they discovered the next morning. They had assumed the swim would bring Kennedy to his senses.

But Gargan says his anger soared when he discovered Kennedy coolly chatting to other hotel guests, and he realised nothing had been done. Gargan, Markham and Kennedy went into Kennedy's room. "What happened?" asked Markham. "I didn't report it," replied Kennedy.

The senator then told them how he had swum across the channel, slipped into the Shiretown Inn, changed his clothes, and established his presence at the hotel by asking a porter the time. Kennedy said he had expected Gargan to report the accident.

A row then took place in which, Gargan now claims, Kennedy said: "I'm going to say that Mary Jo was driving." However, both Markham and Gargan prevailed on him

to report the accident. Eventually, the senator went to a phone box to call the police.

But, Damore's book reveals how by this time it was much too late — the car and Kopechne had been found by two fishermen almost three hours earlier that morning. As Kennedy was on the phone, John Farrar, a Massachusetts Fire Department diver was hauling Kopechne's body from the Oldsmobile.

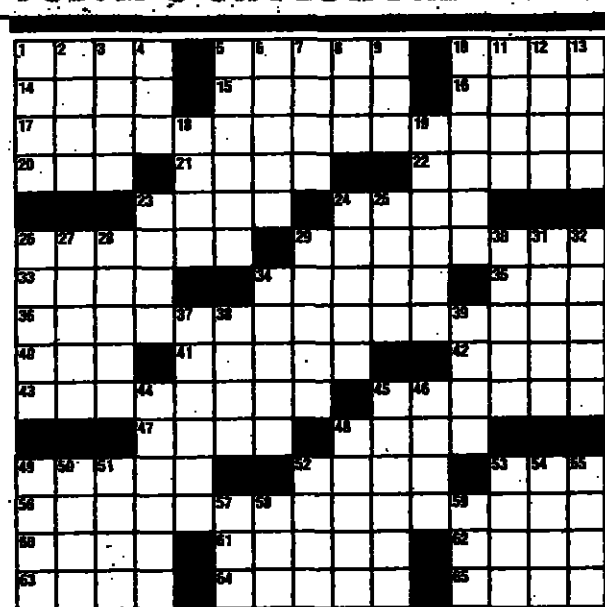
Farrar remembers how Kopechne's head was cocked back and her face was pressed into the footwell below the dashboard. It was not the position of someone knocked unconscious on impact, but of someone clawing to find any air trapped inside the car.

The book's implication is clear: Kennedy could have saved Kopechne, but instead saved himself and evaded his duty of reporting the accident for almost 10 hours.

A month later Kennedy pleaded guilty to leaving the accident's scene and was given a two-month suspended sentence.

Senatorial Privilege will be published in America by Regency Gateway.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Hawk's opponent
 - 2 Ready for business
 - 5 Maughan's
 - 10 City on the Irish
 - 14 Pinnacle
 - 15 — Gay: Historic plane
 - 16 Spotted cavy
 - 17 "Separate Tables" playwright
 - 20 "Have you — wool?"
 - 21 Charlie's widow
 - 22 Amalgamate
 - 23 Chase
 - 24 Anglo-Saxon toiler
 - 28 Sum component
 - 29 Unused
 - 33 Palm reader
 - 34 Spoken, in Caen
 - 35 French one
 - 36 Wilson foe
 - 40 — "tu...": Verdi aria
 - 41 Shrub of the birch family
 - 42 Ripened
 - 43 Discussion groups
 - 45 Travelers' choices
 - 47 Terrier type
 - 48 Taprooms
 - 49 Ham it up
 - 52 Attract
 - 53 Tell a whopper
 - 56 American baritone: 1896-1980
 - 60 Wild water buffalo
 - 61 "Giant" ranch
 - 62 Tied
 - 63 Kin of 48 Down
 - 64 Forest trambler
 - 65 Wildcat
- DOWN**
- 1 Computer input
 - 2 Ready for business
 - 3 Complete
 - 4 River of Devon
 - 5 Endorse
 - 6 Concerning
 - 7 The first Mrs. Copperfield
 - 8 Dockers' org.
 - 9 Down
 - 10 Had a viewpoint
 - 11 Orche trio
 - 12 Style of jazz singing
 - 13 "Citizen —"
 - 18 Common or proper word
 - 19 Holland or Lincoln
 - 23 Mannheim mister
 - 24 Trial's partner
 - 25 Tar
 - 26 Phoenix's remains
 - 27 Steel plow pioneer
 - 28 Popular fabric
 - 29 Innocent
 - 30 Pres
 - 31 Canadian mystery writer
 - 32 Gardener's banes
 - 34 Mary cleric
 - 37 New York player
 - 38 Word with court or pigeon
 - 39 Feudbag fillers
 - 44 Yugoslav peninsula
 - 45 Contralto
 - 46 Midlante defeated by Gideon
 - 48 Flatfoot kingdom
 - 50 Stable animal
 - 51 Has the deed to
 - 52 Year of a kind
 - 53 Tax
 - 54 Way for Caesar
 - 55 Lab burner
 - 57 Blue Eagle initials
 - 58 These, to Pierre
 - 59 Drone
- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**
- STUDIES SPAT PAPA
HOURI ORLE ILLS
ANNIE LION NOAH
MAKES WAVES CUTE
TARA ELUDES
CONMAN TARES
AGIO EDEN SHEBA
REPULSE ATTIRE
TEASE ASTI DIKIK
EVENT MINCES
MANITIS OPEC
ODOR TAKES ATOLL
NOTA ORES RODEO
TRIP PERT UNITS
HENIS SASS SEINSE

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
NEUTRALIZE THE THREAT

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A Q 10
♥ A 10 8 5 4
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 6 5

WEST
♠ 9 5 3
♥ J 9
♦ K J 9 8 6
♣ J 8 2

EAST
♠ J 6 4 2
♥ K Q 7 6
♦ Q 3
♣ K 9 4

SOUTH
♠ K 8 7
♥ 3 2
♦ A 10 4
♣ A Q 10 7 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Eight of ♠

Rarely do both defenders pose an equal threat to the contract. More often than not, only one will be a menace—and he will be quickly and easily identified. Your job, then, is to keep him off lead until your contract is safe.

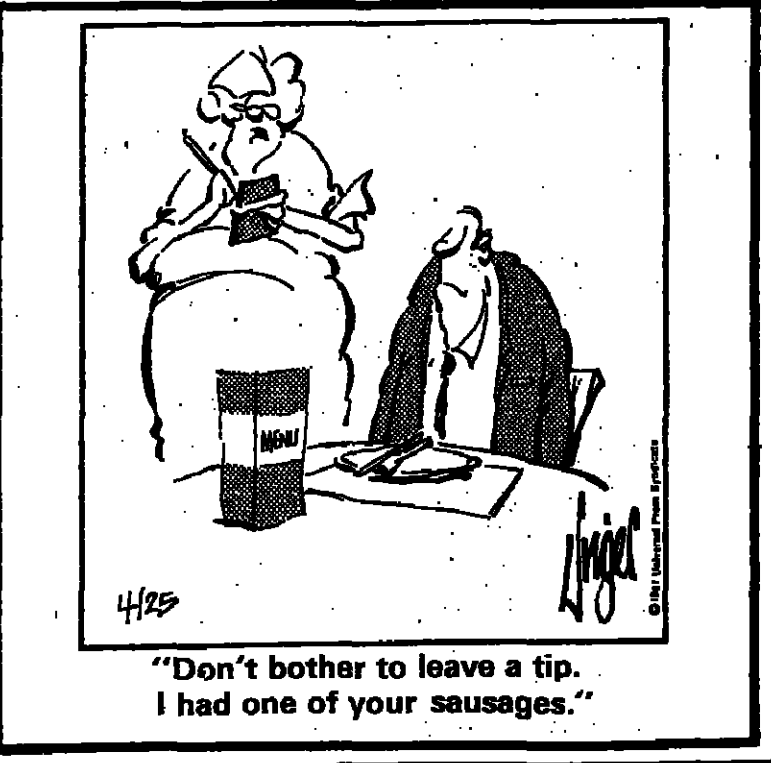
North was a wee bit aggressive on this hand. Since his partner had, at best, 15 points and could be as weak as 12 or 13, it might seem more judicious to have passed one-no trump. But North gave full weight to his intermediates and five-card suit, and South accepted the invita-

tion for the same reasons.

After the normal lead of the fourth-best diamond, declarer soon knew who was the danger hand. He ducked the queen of diamonds at the first trick, and played low again on the diamond continuation. A third round of the suit, on which East discarded a spade, was won by the ace.

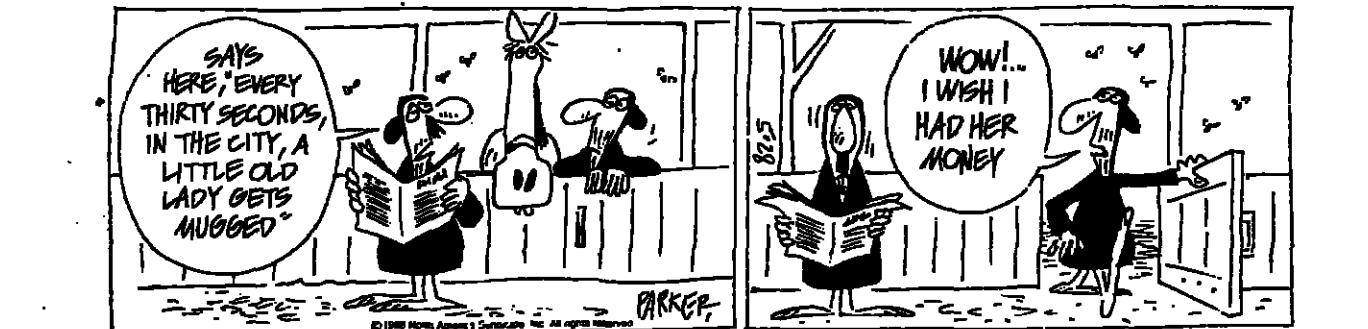
Obviously, the club finesse had to be right for the contract to succeed—if West held the king of clubs, he could cash two more diamonds when he gained the lead with that card. A careless declarer would have crossed to the table and led a club for a finesse. When that succeeded, he would have cashed the ace of clubs—and gone down if East were an able defender. That worthy would jettison the king of clubs under the ace, and West's jack would have become an entry.

South correctly entered dummy with the queen of spades and successfully finessed the queen of clubs. He then crossed back to the table with the ace of spades for another club lead. Had East played low, declarer intended to take his ace and continue a club. However, East did the best he could by popping up with the king, but declarer was equal to the task. He countered neatly by allowing East to hold the trick, and the contract could not be defeated.



THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
Your personal circumstances will change somewhat for the better. You should do your utmost to stay on friendly terms with your neighbours. Take better care of your health. Be provident.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
Your mood will have its ups and downs and you should try to take it easy. Make sure you do not retire into yourself. You will be better able to take changes in your stride. Be circumspect.
- Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)**
This is going to be quite a good day for you only you must not be too ambitious. You will be able to do something for your future. You should not let anything come between you and your partner. Be frugal.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**
You should not try to get too many things done today. Beware of eating too amply. Take the best possible care of your health. Be prudent.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**
Make sure you do not overstrain yourself either at home or in the garden. You will not be in the best of moods and should try to control yourself. Avoid rushing into a decision. Be less conspicuous.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
You are subject to the favourable influence of Mars and Jupiter and this will help you to deal with routine daily matters. You must try to exercise a little more self-control. Do not allow your spending to become excessive. Be benevolent.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)**
The Moon's favourable influence will help you to avoid falling into a trap. You will have to make full use of your commonsense and intelligence. You should not try to do things by force. Be a little more patient.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
You will feel better able to face up to reality. You should not make any rash promises. You will find it easier to adapt to circumstances. Be contented.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**
Mars's more favourable influence will help you to make the most of things. You will be better able to control your impulses. You should take your children more as they are and less as you imagine they ought to be. Be resilient.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**
You should not do anything that you feel may be on your conscience in time to come. Make sure you allow yourself with enough time to read. Do not spend too much time on secondary matters.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)**
You should make sure you take sufficient exercise, but nothing too strenuous. Give your nerves a bit of a rest. You will be able to set your children on a good example. Be more perceptive.

FILIPINO DIGEST

SNIPPETS

Singapore motorcycles smuggled in through Mindanao

HUNDREDS of taxable motorcycles from Singapore are being unloaded in several ports of Mindanao without any certificate of clearance from the Bureau of Customs, said PC Major Ismael Daulog, highway patrol chief of Central Mindanao.

Daulog said the barter trade is used as a channel in distributing his illegal importation and cheating the government of several millions of pesos in taxes.

Last year, the Bureau of Customs issued a corresponding custom tax on every item unloaded from a ship.

A high-ranking custom official from central Mindanao, who asked not to be identified, deplored the government's inability to stop smuggling in the barter trade.

Bill to reward honest government employees

TWO congressmen have filed a bill seeking to "discourage graft and corruption" in the government and provide incentives for honest workers in the public service.

In filing House Bill No. 7980, Reps. Mario Serra Ty and Benjamin V. Bautista cited a constitutional provision which provides that "the state shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption."

Ty and Bautista said that "there is still a chance for the Filipino public servant to redeem himself in the midst of this seemingly desolate moral situation."

To remedy the situation, the two congressmen said that there is a need to educate the people on the bad effects of graft and corruption and give incentives to those who report such crime.

PAL safety campaign begins with a bang

A DAVAO City-bound Philippine Airlines plane aborted take-off at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport after two of its tires burst at the runway.

Airport officials said the pilot managed to stop the plane in the middle of the NIA runway and its more than 100 passengers, all shaken but unhurt, were told to get off and return to the domestic airport.

The incident happened as PAL, the country's flag-carrier, embarked on a \$20-million safety programme to improve its flight facilities and prevent plane accidents and crashes.

Probe on loans to Marcos cronies

TWO Senate committees last week started compiling mountains of evidence to prosecute Marcos whose corporations were granted more than P140 billion in "best loans" by state-owned banks.

"They have to pay their dues to society," said Sen. Alberto Romulo, whose committee on banks, currency and financial institutions, has teamed up with the blue ribbon committee to investigate the beneficiaries of the best loans.

Sen. Teofisto Guingona, chairman of the blue ribbon committee, summoned former Philippine National Bank chairman Panfilo Domingo and former Development Bank of the Philippines chairman Cesar Zalamea to appear Tuesday in a joint hearing of the committees to identify the cronies and the corporations whose indiscriminate borrowings, the senators charged, nearly led to the collapse of the two state-owned banks.

Philip, Lorna top academy awards

MEMBERS of the entertainment industry voted Viva Film's Sanjay Dutt ang pag-ibig, a Vilma Santos-Tonton Gutierrez starrer, as best picture for the 6th Film Academy of the Philippines Awards.

In awards rites at the Philippine International Convention Centre, Philip Salvador was named best actor for his portrayal of renegade priest Conrado Balweg in the film with the same name.

Lorna Tolentino won the best actress award for her performance in the Magina Akla Ka Lantang.

Aquino hints at possibility

Marcos may return to stand trial

PRESIDENT AQUINO has hinted for the first time that he would allow Ferdinand Marcos to return if the courts decide that he is needed for the prosecution of charges of corruption against him.

"Whatever the courts say, definitely, we will respect their decision," Aquino told Palace reporters in an ambush interview.

She was asked to comment on a statement by Ramon Diaz, chairman of the Presidential Commission on Good Government, that he favours allowing Marcos to come home to face charges of looting the country during his 20-year rule.

"Later on, that (Marcos' return) will be necessary but for the meantime, we will just have to wait," Aquino said.

The president's statement was the first indication that she might reconsider her policy towards Marcos, who has lived in Honolulu, Hawaii, since his overthrow in a civilian-backed military revolt in 1986.

Aquino has banned Marcos' return, saying he is a threat to national security.



Last month, she turned down his appeal to come home for the funeral of his mother.

Diaz said in a press conference that he would recommend to Malacanang that Marcos be allowed to return as soon as criminal charges against the deposed dictator and his cronies are filed with the courts.

hopefully, next year.

Diaz, who succeeded now Senate President Jovito R. Salonga as chief of the government commission which has been assigned to track down the loot of Marcos and his cronies — estimated at P2,000 billion — said Marcos cannot be tried in absentia.

"If we are not able to arrange

his trial in the US, then we will certainly recommend that he return," Diaz said.

Marcos has denied taking money from the country and has consistently been saying he should be allowed to return home so he could defend himself in any trial.

Suits

The government has filed a string of 35 civil suits against Marcos and more than 200 of his associates, accusing them of plundering the nation's wealth. It seeks damages of more than \$50 billion.

Diaz, who accompanied the president and members of her cabinet in a state visit to Switzerland and Italy last week met with Swiss authorities to firm up evidence against Marcos.

Diaz earlier announced the PCGG would uncover the extent of Marcos' wealth before the end of the year.

He said their optimism is based on a recent ruling of the Swiss Supreme Court allowing in Zurich court to obtain the bank records of Credit Suisse, one of the Swiss banks where Marcos reportedly has huge deposits.

Archbishop slams Aussie media

Distorted reporting deplored

SYDNEY: A Filipino archbishop has deplored here a distorted reporting and exaggerations in news stories about the Philippines.

Archbishop Orlando Quevedo told the Catholic Weekly here that one-sided reporting about the Philippines was giving wrong description of events in that country.

"Distorted reporting is especially evident in stories of human rights violations, allegations of Communist infiltration of the Catholic Aid Agency, NASSA, and the charge that there has been misuse of project funds in the Philippines," Archbishop Quevedo said.

"The civilian government of

Cory Aquino is much more sensitive to human rights issues than was the government of Ferdinand Marcos," he said.

"The government at the time of Marcos tolerated the military's ways, but many in the present government were human rights lawyers during the time of Marcos — at that time defending poor farmers against military abuses."

"Naturally, there are still a lot of the military people who think in the old ways, and sadly, violations of human rights continue to a certain extent. And violence is also used by members of the New People's Army and right-wing vigilante groups."

Archbishop Quevedo also said

that another area of human rights that concerns both the Filipino Catholic Church and President Aquino is the sex trade and the violence inflicted on Filipino women who are working overseas.

"This is an issue where we would hope the Church in Australia would support actions that try to protect the rights of women in these situations," he said.

"The Churches of both countries can also support couples when there is a marriage between the two nationalities."

Archbishop Quevedo stressed that there was no Communist infiltration of NASSA.

"I see in your press and other publications that it is alleged that money from international organisations, including Australian Catholic Relief as channels project support into the Philippines via the Asia Partnership for Human Development, is going to support Filipino Communist rebels. Manila's Cardinal Sin is quoted as supporting these claims," he said.

"We found that NASSA had been faithful in its assigned task to aid the disadvantaged through projects of education, research, organisation and community self-help projects."

Nurses head for New Jersey

FOREIGN nurses employed in US hospitals, especially

Philippines, are gradually converging in the State of New Jersey after carefully considering some aspects of their earning capabilities. In a comparative study made between nursing salaries in New York and New Jersey, where the former offers more, it appears that nurses working in New Jersey hospitals have bigger take-home pay after deductions.

In New York, for instance, the low net pay amounts to \$21,800

while the high is pegged at \$25,800 annually. These are mainly due to high housing and transportation costs and city taxes. In New Jersey, the low and high are \$25,500 and \$27,750, respectively, which are definitely much above the New York rates. Incidentally, NY charges 8.25 per cent sales tax on anything purchased while NJ imposes no taxes on groceries.

In another development, Frong C. Fortich, an international recruitment specialist, announced that "Filipino nurses do not have to pay anything to get to the USA," even as he spelled out a listing of benefits only Gulf Pacific Services and Trading Corp. can give to successful applicants.

Fortich's assurance for absolutely free benefits arose from complaints of nurses enlisted by competing recruitment firms who grant cash offers but are subsequently discovered to have been shortchanged in other benefits.

Child exploitation on the rise

In 1986, there were 3.6 million children aged 10-19 in the labour force, or 16.1 per cent of the total. Of this, 91.4 per cent were in the rural areas. Some 70 per cent worked without pay as farm hands or helpers in family enterprises.

In the urban areas, children work as vendors of cigarettes, newspapers and shopping bags, and as watch-year-car boys. Some do odd jobs in factories.

At least 20,000 children are sexually exploited. Majority are in the 14-16 age bracket. Many are initiated into the sex trade by employment agencies, live-in boy friends, and even their landlords, mothers and relatives.

PBA basketball

Beermen clinch PBA crown

SAN MIGUEL Beer walked the tightrope for 47 minutes before fashioning out a scary 94-92 triumph over Purefoods to bag the PBA Open Conference crown at the ULTRA.

The win gave the Beermen their second straight title since capturing the Reinforced crown last year and their fourth PBA championship in 14 years.

"It wasn't that easy. We had a tough time. I have to give credit to Purefoods," said San Miguel playing coach Norman Black, who converted a night high 38 points.

Purefoods matched San Miguel basket-for-basket most of the way, even leading, 73-71, early in the fourth quarter, but the Beermen caught fire in the fourth, ignited by back-to-back drives by Abet Guidaben to lead by six-points twice, the last at 81-75.

With the Beermen up, 90-85, 1:42 remaining, Jojo Lastimosa, Purefoods' take-charge guy, buried a pull-up jumper and sank two charities that kept the Hotdogs within striking distance, 90-92, 13 seconds left.

In the ensuing play, Purefoods playing coach Ramon Fernandez fouled Ricardo Brown, who calmly converted the twin insurance gift shots.

Alfonso Solis followed up a miss by David Thirdkill for the game's final basket.

"We tried our best. I'm happy we've come this far," said Fernandez inside the dugout.

Contributing to the Beermen's winning cause were Guidaben, who gunned 28 points, hauled 11 rebounds and dished off four assists and Hector Calma, who scored 11, issued five handoffs and stole five times.

With Thirdkill unable to deliver — he had a horrendous 7 out of 21 shooting from the floor — Alfonso Solis carried the brunt of the Purefoods scoring, unleashing 23 points 15 coming from the three-point region.

The game was close throughout the first half, which the Beermen took, 47-44. Neither team led by more than five points.

Although Mon Fernandez got his fourth foul midway in the second quarter and had to sit out the rest of the period, the Hot-

dogs were able to hold the surging Beermen at bay with clutch triples by Al Solis and Glen Capacio.

On the other hand, Abet Guidaben and Black not only controlled the defensive boards for the Beermen, they also took up the scoring cudgels, combining for 33 points in the initial period.

And again, spitfire Hector Calma penetrated Purefoods' perimeter defence, sneaking the middle lane time and time again for drives or crisp drop passes to the open man.

Hobbling due to a recurring abdominal muscle injury, Ricky Brown made only a free throw, confining himself to providing picks and doubling on Thirdkill.

SCORES
SAN MIGUEL 94 — Black 28, Guidaben 28, Calma 11, Brown 9, Capacio 4, Dignadillo 4, Cal 8, Pumarao 6, Teng 8.
PUREFOODS 92 — Solis 23, Fernandez 28, Thirdkill 16, Lastimosa 16, Codrera 16, Israel 4, Genarido 4, Capacio 3, Yungco 8.
Quarters: 25-26, 47-44, 71-70, 94-92.
Referee: R. Benabe, D. Bayral, A. R. Tolentino.

Farewell, Dona Josefa

By Hilarion M. Menares

AFTER passing through this vale of tears, every man and woman is entitled to the final dignity of a decent burial.

When one dies at sea, his body is slid off a plank into the deep blue yonder, never mind the sharks and the sardines. His final dignity is that his burial symbolises man's return to the sea from which he evolved.

In the heat of battle, civilised armies have an unspoken code that one must pause from the carnage to gather up the dead and bury them, never mind the maggots. Their final dignity is the reminder: Dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return.

In parts of India, the widows are buried with the dead husbands. In the ancient civilisations of Egypt and China, life in the hereafter demands that kings must have their chariots and horses, and peasants must have their food and utensils to be able to live comfortably in the next world.

Poor Dona Josefa Edralin Marcos, schoolteacher and mother, buried after six weeks, as part of a political game, was denied the final dignity of a decent burial within the bounds of propriety.

She did not deserve what happened to her.

In her last days, her family refused to pay her hospital bill; and the final disposition of her remains was held up for selfish political reasons.

The mummy of Pharaoh Ramses II, the mightiest of the mighty, buried for 3,000 years, was discovered in 1881 by British archaeologists. His head with its dried skin, teeth and hair still intact, is a tribute to the ancient embalmers' skill.

When Ramses II's head was transported to Cairo, a befuddled customs inspector looked in vain through his tariff code for an appropriate classification.

He finally listed it down and taxed it as "imported dried fish." The mightiest of the mighty suffered his final dignity as dried fish. Parang tuyo!

Dona Josefa, God bless her soul, deserves to rest in peace, not in pieces.

Senators deny receiving huge allowances

SOME senators reacted sharply to reports quoting a certain cabinet member that they (senators) have been receiving huge allowances on top of what they receive as basic salaries.

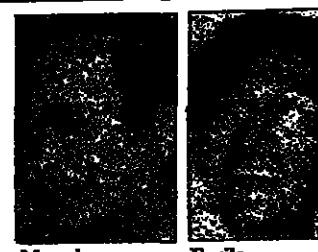
"I have learned, Mr. President, that senators who go to the provinces on official trips are supposed to get allowances. I have not received even a single centavo from such allowances," said minority floorleader Juan Ponce Enrile.

Sen. Sotero Laurel deplored the report by saying that he had divested himself of interests in the Laurel law firm and two universities where he was president before he became senator.

Laurel's car accessories stolen

TWO of Vice-President Salvador Laurel's service cars were robbed of accessories by robbers while the cars were parked inside the Old Congress building compound on P. Burgos Drive, Ermita, Manila.

Laurel's drivers Noel Aranez, 27, and Rodolfo discovered the theft.



The senators' reactions were prompted by a statement attributed to Budget Secretary Guillermo Carague that senators were receiving as much as P70,000 in allowances.

The statement was apparently a rejoinder to the exposure recently Senate President Pro Tempore Teofisto Guingona that many cabinet members were holding various positions in government and receiving huge allowances, in violation of Executive Order 232.

Sen. Ernesto Maceda tossed back the accusations to some cabinet members who, he said, have the propensity to discuss their corporate holdings after they have travelled abroad.

There have been occasions where cabinet members met and discussed nothing else but how much they should receive.

Espino heads for 'Supreme Model' contest

SIXFOOTER beauty Marilen Espino was proclaimed Super Model of the World, Philippines last week to a crowd of 2,000 at the Manila Hotel Fiesta Pavilion.

Marilen beat 28 other finalists aspiring to represent the Philippines in the international Super Model of the World competition slated for August 3 in Los Angeles.

As reigning Super Model, the winner will receive a movie contract with Viva worth P100,000, a modelling contract with Silver-



Marilen Espino will represent the Philippines in world contest.

If she wins the Super Model of the World title, Marilen will get a \$250,000 modelling contract with Ford Modelling Agency, jewellery and a fur coat plus the cover of Vogue, Elle, Cosmopolitan and other international magazines.

Proclaimed runners-up were Ma. Michelle Laconico, also a six-footer, first runner-up; Emmylou Rama, daughter of Agusan del Sur governor Eduardo Rama, second runner-up; and Michelle del Rosario, third runner-up.

Santiago: I eat death threats for breakfast

By Gavin Bell

WHEREVER Mrs Miriam Defensor Santiago goes, she is accompanied by a smartly dressed young woman carrying a small, black handbag. Her escort is a military bodyguard, and the bag contains a loaded revolver.

It is an unusual precaution for a civil servant, but a growing number of ruthless men want her dead — including perhaps members of her own staff. As head of the Philippines Commission on Immigration and Deportation, Mrs Santiago has taken the highly irregular step of declaring war on powerful crime syndicates dealing in guns, drugs and prostitution, and the corrupt politicians and police who protect them.

"I eat death threats for breakfast," the diminutive mother of two children was once quoted as saying. After five months in office, her diet has not changed much.

When Mrs Santiago was appointed by President Aquino she inherited an agency demoralised by decades of low wages and institutionalised corruption. In a society accustomed to settling accounts with guns, goons and gold, the agency was particularly notorious.

"This post was always considered a political reward, offering a fabulous income at public expense," she said. "The appointment was never influenced by considerations of honesty, com-



Mrs Miriam Santiago: waging a relentless war against corruption.

petence or efficiency.

"It is common practice in this country for politicians to place key men in graft-ridden agencies, as bag-men to raise funds for them. So my people had to contend with a system of appointment and promotion that had no relation to merit. People simply did not bother to condemn the corruption anymore. They felt it was impossible to eradicate."

The rewards were substantial for immigration officers breaking the laws they were meant to uphold. Fake passports and extortion rackets secured bribes ranging from \$25 to \$1,300.

A predecessor of Mrs Santiago is alleged to have offered a benefactor agency fees on three

aliens instead of cash. "You can do anything with an alien as long as you have his record," she said. "Even if his situation is legal, if you have a file on him you can milk him." Mrs Santiago is tearing apart the web of graft and corruption with the subtlety of a combine harvester, but she faces determined opposition.

A recent agency raid on illegal aliens living near a big US air base was frustrated by local policemen, who tipped off the foreigners in advance. Her commission is filing charges against the police.

There have been some successes. In the raids, her men have netted 22 suspected pedophiles and a similar number selling forged passports. Her next target is a network of drug pushers and gun runners.

"We are now concentrating on these hard-core criminals. These are violent people, they are well entrenched, they have firepower. We have to go slowly, but we must confront them," she said.

Inevitably she will come up against government officials and law-enforcers.

"We are their betes noires, we are persona non grata in our own country," she admits cheerfully.

Mrs Santiago has introduced less dramatic reforms to deal with an estimated 500,000 illegal aliens, mainly from China, India and Indonesia.

Overtime payments have been introduced for her staff and an amnesty declared for foreigners who have lived in the Philippines

for five years or more without engaging in criminal activities.

Despite dismissing corrupt employees and attracting reformers to replace them, Mrs Santiago knows she cannot yet claim the agency to be "the untouchables."

"We're making progress, but I have no illusions. Right now, even as we talk, I'm sure something must be going on down there in the lobby, or at the airport."

"Somebody is selling a fake passport, or forging my signature."

While she undoubtedly has many enemies, Mrs Santiago is encouraged by growing public support. A plaque in her office from Cardinal Jaime Sin, the Archbishop of Manila, pays tribute to her integrity and commitment "against tremendous odds and threats to life and safety."

At the age of 42 the youngest person, and first woman, to hold the post, she left a promising career as a judge. It was, she says, an insane decision.

Having taken on the task of reform, however, she is in a hurry to accomplish it.

"I can't afford to wait, because in a year's time I may no longer be here. I'm creating so many controversies that the President may not be able to afford to keep me politically."

There are those who would argue that political conflict is a small price to pay for what she has achieved so far.

Unique experiment in Colombia

For premature babies — kangaroo mothers

ANGELA weighed just 1,850 grams nine days after birth. Today, 14 months later, she weighs 7,340 grams and is a healthy and happy girl. Her mother, Ester Alvarez, who works at a day care centre near Bogotá, holds Angela close.

"For three months, I struggled her against my breast, day and night. I only 'look her off' when I needed to go to the bathroom. Then either my husband or my brothers or sisters held her. It was wonderful to feel her all day long against my body. We 'felt' each other. It was not even uncomfortable to hold her like that. On the contrary, it was pleasant. The only thing was that when I took the bus to go to work, people looked at me wondering what that 'bundle' was. I just let them wonder about it and laughed. This has been a rewarding experience because... you know... a woman always wants to have a baby, but to be able to keep it this close all the time, well... I feel completely fulfilled."

Ester Alvarez had the luck to have Angela at the Instituto Materno-Infantil, at San Juan de Dios hospital in Bogotá, Colombia, which since 1980 has been developing a way of caring for premature babies based on the example of kangaroos.

Before the kangaroo mothering programme began, over a dozen of the premature babies arriving at the hospital each month were abandoned by their low-income mothers. Now, abandonment has virtually halted because of the close bonding which kangaroo mothering establishes.

Kangaroos were the inspira-

Colombian doctors were inspired by kangaroos — and began teaching mothers of premature babies to look after them wrapped to the breast 24 hours a day. Recently one of the team shared his experiences in a world-wide tele-conference with the doctors of 45 countries. Another says it is a 'professional crime' to separate a mother from her baby, and describes the Colombian technique as a 'revolution without guns' in the care of premature babies. The mothers say they love it, not to speak of the babies.

By Eduardo Marquez Gonzalez

tion — because all their babies are born prematurely. When a tiny kangaroo baby, just an inch long, is delivered, it grabs its mother's hair, and climbs until it reaches the marsupium, or "pouch." Once there, the kangaroo mother provides it with the appropriate body temperature, feeds it, and gives it affection.

Practice

Colombian doctors assumed that if it worked for marsupials, it could work for human beings as well — with the sole difference that in the case of humans, the "pouch" should be farther up, where the breasts are. The baby should be kept there, skin-to-skin, and upright so it doesn't choke.

The standard practice in hospitals following World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines is to incubate premature babies in heated cabinets if they weigh under 1,500 grams. But to Dr Edgar Sanabria Rey, coordinator and

one of the founding "fathers" of the "kangaroo mothers" programme separating a baby from its mother is a major professional crime.

Rey's experience of teaching child health at the National University of Bogotá for over 20 years made him realise that isolation, artificial heat, infant formula, and temporary suppression of motherly bonding could not benefit a defenceless human being who needed, more than anything else, to be breastfed, and to have close contact with its mother.

For him, the decision to incubate the baby should be based on its clinical condition — and not on weight alone. So if the baby is underweight but otherwise in good health, it should be kept with the mother, who "is the only person who can give it love, warmth, and breast milk."

When the premature baby is born, Rey explains, "it is put under observation for 48 hours

to detect any abnormal respiratory condition, congenital disease, jaundice, or other ailment. During that period, the mother can come to the incubator as many times as she wants, either to breastfeed the baby or just to pamper or stimulate him or her. During that time, we also show her how to become a "kangaroo mother." Then, if there is no adverse condition, or as soon as a temporary condition passes, the baby goes home with the mother — although she stays in touch with the clinic and can return whenever she needs to.

"By then she already knows that she has to snuggle her baby against her breast so that the baby keeps in contact with her skin 24 hours a day. In this way, she keeps the baby at a normal body temperature of 37 to 38 degrees Centigrade (96 Fahrenheit). She will continue to keep the baby close for as long as necessary until it is able to control its own body temperature. Compared with incubators, mothers have the advantage of neither overheating nor suffering power shortages."

Dr Rey strongly denies that incubators are redundant as a result of the programme. "What happens is that this programme makes a rational use of the apparatus. If a baby shows any pathology, he or she goes to the incubator. But again, as soon as the condition is over, the baby goes home with the mother." Close supervision of the baby's development will follow, with frequent check-ups at the hospital. And importantly for a developing country, care costs

are reduced from an average \$79 a day in an incubator, to \$2 a day with a kangaroo mother. Ninety-four out of every hundred babies selected for the programme (about one third of all premature births at the hospital) survive. Before the programme started six out of ten premature babies born in Bogotá died.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has followed the project's experience closely. Four years ago it began to publicise it, and to recommend specialists from other countries to visit and where possible, modify it for use within their own countries.

The Bolivian Ministry of Health has adopted "kangaroo mothers" as one of its official programmes, and the experience is being studied for appropriate adaptation in Haiti, Peru, Ecuador, Great Britain, Italy, El Salvador, and recently in Norway. Last year, Dr Hector Martinez delivered a tele-conference on the subject that reached 45 countries by satellite.

Says Dr Rey: "We are trying to make a contribution to Colombian children and others around the world. Premature babies have to have a fair chance to live and grow in optimal conditions. Sometimes it is not our economic but our intellectual under-development which prevents us from proposing and implementing our own solutions to our problems, as well as sharing them with others. However, this programme shows what we can do, and we should not hesitate to show the rest of the world." /Pazos



'Breast is best' for this Colombian mother and her premature baby. She will keep it continuously strapped to her, skin-to-skin, until it is stronger.

Just what kind of a friend are you?

By Jane Fletcher

THEY are indispensable. They make you laugh, they make you cry, they are always ready to lend a hand and make your world a brighter place.

Where would you be without your friends...?

And where would they be without you? Just what kind of friend are you? Are you kind, considerate, and true to your word? Or are you the gossip who lets friends down without a second thought?

Try this fun quiz — it will tell you what your best friend won't

1. A good friend is someone who

- i) knows your innermost secrets?
- ii) shares your interests?
- iii) keeps you amused at times?
- iv) is a combination of the above?

2. You're settling down for a quiet night in when your friend calls. She urgently needs a babysitter. Do you:

- i) drop everything and rush over to her house?
- ii) tell her you're too busy?
- iii) explain you're not free, but promise to make it up to her?
- iv) make up some elaborate excuse?

3. You forget your best friend's birthday. What do you do?

- i) Call her immediately to apologise and then send some flowers?
- ii) Nothing — you'd never forget something so important?
- iii) Arrange to meet for a celebratory meal — but cancel out later?
- iv) Send a belated birthday card?

4. How many friends from school are you still in contact with?

- i) None?
- ii) A couple?
- iii) Between three and seven?
- iv) Ten or more?

5. Do you cancel arrangements with your friends?

- i) Occasionally?
- ii) Never?
- iii) Only if absolutely necessary?
- iv) Frequently — especially if something better crops up?

6. You're told something in confidence. Do you:

- i) tell no one?
- ii) tell several people — you never could keep secrets?
- iii) the situation wouldn't arise — you're nobody's agony aunt?
- iv) tell a couple of people, but make them promise not to let on?

7. Do you confide in your best friend rather than your partner?

- i) Always — they know you better?
- ii) Very rarely?
- iii) Sometimes?
- iv) Never?

8. What is your idea of a relaxed evening?

- i) A meal with your partner?
- ii) A get-together with close friends?

Are you the sort of friend everyone can rely on or the sort of person people call last because they know you won't help? Try this fun quiz and find out if you are a friend indeed, or in need of some friendly lessons.



9. You know your best friend's partner is two-timing her. Do you:

- i) say nothing?
- ii) keep it a secret — you don't want to hurt her feelings?
- iii) tell her all you know — and be ready with the tea and sympathy?
- iv) hint very gently that she should keep her eye on him?

10. You're in the middle of something important when a call comes through. It's a friend and she sounds very upset. Do you:

- i) ask her to call back at a more convenient time?
- ii) sit down for a long talk to find out what's wrong?
- iii) listen for a couple of minutes, then promise to call back?
- iv) pretend the line is faulty and cut her off?

11. You're broke, but your friend asks for a loan. Do you:

- i) hand over the money gladly — you'll manage somehow?
- ii) happily lend the money — but extract a promise of repayment?
- iii) refuse — you've got enough problems as it is?
- iv) refuse politely, explaining you can't afford it?

12. Have you ever lied to your friend?

- i) Occasionally?
- ii) Only in extreme circumstances?
- iii) More often than you'd like to admit?
- iv) No — perish the thought?

13. Would you let a close friend come between you and your partner?

- i) Yes, if it came to the crunch?
- ii) Possibly — it depends on the circumstances?
- iii) No?
- iv) Don't know?

14. How many times a month do you socialise with your friends?

- i) Once or twice?
- ii) A few times, but only on weekdays?
- iii) Every weekend?
- iv) Every other evening?

Now compare your answers with the chart below:

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
1.	a	b	c	d
2.	b	a	d	c
3.	b	a	d	c
4.	c	a	b	d
5.	c	a	b	d
6.	a	c	b	d
7.	a	c	b	d
8.	c	b	d	a
9.	d	c	b	a
10.	a	b	d	c
11.	a	b	d	c
12.	a	b	d	c
13.	a	b	d	c
14.	d	c	b	a

Scoring

Mostly a's

Your friends must rate you a winner! You're unselfish, caring, considerate and always prepared to help them out. To you, friends are more important — and reliable — than lovers and you'll do whatever it takes to keep your friendships sweet.

But a word of caution — you're a truly valuable person to have as a friend, but be careful some people don't take advantage of your good nature. Make sure they earn your friendship and don't just use you when things go wrong.

Mostly b's

You really like having friends and care about them but you tend to approach friendship with a philosophical view. You need them, they need you, but you won't let them rule your life. A good chat with a girlfriend is as important as a night out with your partner and given the chance, you'll divide your time between the two. You're helpful when a friend needs you, but you won't let anyone push you around.

Mostly c's

Friends are important to you and you certainly enjoy their company, but you've got plenty of other interests too and wouldn't dream of always putting friends first in your life. You can be a little cold and distant to a friend who needs your help, so try and show the caring side of your nature more often. Otherwise, you may lose a friendship you value.

Mostly d's

Oh dear. You're unreliable, selfish and only seek out friendship when it suits you. You are the best friend you have, because your coldness has made you totally self-sufficient. You love your own company — friends are just a little diversion now and then — but it seems being alone is an excuse for being lonely. Don't cut yourself off from people — one day you might really need a friend.

If no one letter dominates

You seem to be in two minds. One day, you're a helpful and caring friend, the next rather cool and off-hand. You really should decide whether you want to be a good friend or not. These half-hearted measures aren't doing anyone any good and will leave people wondering just what kind of a friend you really are...

By Serena Allott

GIVEN that it's always satisfying to have one's prejudices confirmed, anyone who believes that novelists will find only about themselves will find meeting Barbara Taylor Bradford very satisfying indeed.

You scarcely need to cross her Belgravia threshold before you recognise a woman who is well-groomed, well-organised and very, very rich.

For those of you unfamiliar with Taylor Bradford's trilogy, *The Woman in White*, *Secrets* and *Hold the Dream*, and *To Be the Best* — the third of which was published recently by Grafton Books — these are all qualities which the heroines of this family saga possess in abundance.

What's more, the said heroines, first Emma Hart and then her grandchild Paula, are just like their creator, ambitious, hard-working, professional and of solid Yorkshire stock.

This background is still obvious in Barbara despite the fact that Manhattan has been her home for almost all the 25 years she has been married to producer Bob Bradford.

It's evident the moment she glides down the staircase in her gracious London *piéd-à-terre* and apologises for keeping me in a voice that slides its way from Northern burr to New York twang and back again.

"I couldn't think what to wear, so I slipped into this," she says, smoothing a well-cut black wool dress which was made, it turns out, by New York couturiere Pauline Trigere.

Busy

Her clothes are stocked in Bergdorf's, Martha's on Park Avenue and other swish stores, but I go to her collection and then have her cut and fit for me. She's a great cutter," says Barbara. "This season she has made some suits for me and this dress in royal blue and red as well as black."

Like most high-society women, Barbara Taylor Bradford plans her wardrobe well in advance of each season. "If I've got my head down for a book I usually don't want to but then my husband says: 'You must order from Pauline now, you know it takes six months...'"

A real woman of substance



Barbara Taylor Bradford: opulent lifestyle

Being busy, Barbara is selective about the collections she attends. Sometimes she will visit Helen Hayes in Paris but sometimes, if she's lucky, Helen comes to her. In addition she buys from Fabrice — a New Yorker who dresses people like Liz Taylor and Shirley Maclaine — plus Bill Blass, and, in London, Valentino.

"You must know how it is: sometimes I'll be here and find I need something so I just slip down to his boutique," she explains with a smile.

Whereupon we repaired upstairs to inspect all these garments. Leading me into her bedroom which, like all the rooms, has the unmistakably impersonal elegance of a decorator's touch, Barbara flung open a wardrobe to reveal an impressive row of dresses —

all short, well-tailored and with a tendency to brilliant colour.

"You must understand that most of my clothes are evening wear because in the daytime, when I'm writing, I just wear sports clothes: pants and shirts from Burberry or Aquascutum," she says.

And as she talks she takes one dress, then another, from the rail, displaying each with the obvious pleasure of someone who has no qualms about enjoying what she's worked hard to have.

Having made our selection, the newest Helen Hayes which has, in addition to the red cuffs, black and green ones so that Barbara can wear emeralds or rubies, according to her mood, we moved on to a walk-in cupboard in a spare room just in case there should be a suit there

that might catch my fancy more.

"No? Well, if you'll excuse me, I'll just go to the safe and get the diamonds I would wear with that Hayes," says Barbara, displaying the perfectionism with which her heroines run the international stores on which their fortune is founded. And on returning she produces several suites of jewellery, each doubtless worth a generous London house, and explains the background to each one in the matter of fact way you or I might describe a witty piece by Corcoran.

Downstairs once more in the drawing room we are briefly joined by the deep-bronzed Bob. "How do I look, I've never worn this dress before?" Barbara asks, scampering towards him in the surprisingly girlish way in which she moves, and laughing delightedly as he tells her that the following week she will appear on Los Angeles television with the Spanish pop singer, Julio Iglesias, an old friend.

"Julio always tells me that I shouldn't have married such an old playboy," Barbara says, grinning affectionately at her husband, who has already made two of her novels into television series and is currently working on a third.

Tab

Still smiling, she watches Bob depart to change for the dinner that Jennifer D'Abbo, doyenne of Ryans, will host for them that night, and then explains that she would never dream of buying anything unless she had Bob's assurance that he liked it. "He has bought me things by himself in the past but they never used to fit and so now he brings them home for me to try. Unless of course it's Hermes handbags — he buys those all the time."

Despite the obvious opulence of their lifestyle, Barbara insists that there's still a touch of the Yorkshire girl about her when it comes to spending money. "It's the same with my clothes," she says. "I don't really like to look conspicuous. I go for colour and cut but I'd hate to think I looked away out. I'm conservative, you see, in many ways."

And so she should be. After all, who'd want a heroine who abandoned her roots?

Women get short shrift in AIDS research

By Malcolm Ritter

NEW YORK, (AP): Women have gotten short shrift so far in AIDS research, and differences in how they experience the disease may be going unnoticed, a psychologist said recently.

Researchers have been "paying more attention to women as transmitters of the disease" than as patients, said Caroline Sparks, president of the Feminist Institute.

Sparks was among several psychologists discussing women and AIDS at the American Psychological

Association's annual meeting. Another researcher presented evidence that women perceive the AIDS risk differently from men.

Women account for about 7 per cent of the 40,845 recorded AIDS cases in the United States, the US centres for disease control say. About half were infected through intravenous drug abuse, 30 per cent through heterosexual sex, 11 per cent from transfusions of blood or blood products, and 10 per cent through unknown means, CDC says.

Women accounted for 44 per cent of people seeking the

AIDS antibody blood test this summer at a sampling of California test sites, a rise from 28 per cent for a 1985-86 study, researchers said.

Sparks said her study of published AIDS research articles found the main interest in women was how mothers can infect their children and prostitutes can infect customers with the AIDS virus.

Her work, financed by the National Institute of Mental Health, analysed studies of AIDS research published in 1982-85 in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, the *New England Journal of Medicine* and the *British*

Journal of Medicine.

Her analysis of the 533 AIDS articles found about 100 times as much space allotted to women infecting others as prostitutes and mothers than to women being infected through intravenous drug abuse.

The disparity in research "is a real problem," said Jacqueline Gentry, chief of science communications at the NIMH.

"We really haven't focused on women who are infected... or women who have AIDS," she said. "We really don't know about the differences in the course of the disease" between men and women, she said.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Zambia ends price control on bread

LUSAKA, June 18, (Reuters): Zambia has ended price control on bread, which was selling on the black market at three times its official price.

An announcement in today's official gazette also abolished fixed prices for wheat and flour and authorised a 50 per cent increase in the price of milk.

But it did not affect maize (corn) meal, the staple food of Zambians, which remains controlled and subsidised.

Backtrack
Food prices are one of the most sensitive political issues in Zambia, where riots in 1986 forced the government to backtrack after trying to remove subsidies on maize meal under a so-called International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme.

Western diplomats in Lusaka said they did not believe the government was planning any broader changes in price policies. Government officials said the latest move was aimed at encouraging Zambian farmers to grow more wheat. Production

fell far short of the country's needs and farmers blame drought, price control and cheap imports for the shortages.

Before today's announcement, the retail price of a standard white loaf was officially fixed at 2.47 kwacha (31 cents). But supplies were scarce and a loaf was selling on the black market at about eight kwacha (\$1).

The announcement raised the price of milk to 4.60 kwacha a litre (33 cents a pint) from 3.15 kwacha (22 cents a pint).

The IMF, the World Bank and Western donor nations have urged the government to lift its curbs on prices, interest rates and the exchange rate. President Kenneth Kaunda refuses, saying consumers must be protected from inflation.

Other goods whose prices remain controlled, such as maize meal, soap, detergents, cooking oil and sugar, have also been in short supply. Long queues outside shops are a familiar sight in Lusaka and other towns.

Kuwaiti minister ends Maghreb visit

Al Khaled holds talks on boosting trade

TUNIS, June 18, (KUNA): Kuwait's Minister of Commerce and Industry Faissal Abdul Razzak Al Khaled today said that his tour of the Arab Maghreb countries has gained special importance as far as economic and commercial relations are concerned.

Al Khaled, in an interview with KUNA at the conclusion of his tour of Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia, pointed out that discussions with officials of those countries focussed on means of boosting trade exchange.

Prompted
He noted that the two-way trade with each of the three North African Arab countries had been declining lately which prompted their officials to urge private sector in both sides to play a bigger role in this sphere.

The talks further tackled encouraging the private sector to enter other economic and investment ventures in addition to finding methods of developing economic agreements between Kuwait and those states, the minister elaborated.

Al Khaled noted that he was met with understanding on the part of the Maghreb officials which led to positive results that would benefit both parties.

The Kuwaiti official elaborated on his meetings in each Maghreb state, saying that he exchanged views with Moroccan officials on issues of mutual concern particularly increasing volume of trade exchange.

Accord
The discussions further dealt with necessity of arranging meetings for the private sector in both countries to meet and draw means of marketing national products, the minister went on, adding that a draft agreement was finalised on a comprehensive accord for bilateral economic, commercial and technical co-operation and the document will be signed within the coming few months.

Al Khaled said that he started his visit to Algeria on June 12-13, with a meeting with the Algerian premier and conveyed to him



Al Khaled greetings of HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

He added that they reviewed bilateral relations and thanked the premier for his country's genuine Arab national stance vis-à-vis the hijack of the Kuwaiti airliner Al-Jaberiyah.

The minister explained that his

talks with the Algerian trade minister touched on various possible channels to promote trade exchange and deepen investment relations through the Kuwaiti-Algerian holding company to enable it perform mutual beneficial investment ventures.

He pointed out that they also discussed co-operation in touristic fields including exchange of expertise and noted that an agreement for economic and commercial co-operation was considered to serve as the springboard encouraging and guaranteeing each party's investment and it will be signed within months.

An accord for trade co-operation was signed during the visit to boost trade exchange and establish permanent trade centres in both capitals to facilitate marketing of their products, Al Khaled went on.

The official noted that he met in Tunis with Premier Al Hedi Baccouche and conveyed HH the Crown Prince and Premier's greetings.

Record volume of Occidental Petroleum shares traded

NEW YORK, June 18, (Reuters): More than 103 million shares of Occidental Petroleum Corp. changed hands on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday, setting a record for the most active trading in one company's shares in one day, the exchange said.

The closing volume for Occidental was 103,802,200, more volume than all the stocks traded in the market on May 23. On that day, total NYSE volume was 102,640,000 shares.

Previously, the largest volume of a company's shares traded on a single day was 96,839,900 shares of Pacific Gas and Electric Co bought and sold on June 8.

Qatar's banks look to retail market for expansion

DOHA, June 18, (Reuters): Qatar's banks, struggling to cope with a Gulf recession and a stagnant economy, have launched a drive into the emirate's retail market in what could lead to a head-on clash with foreign banks.

Bankers said bad debts and sluggish government spending had caused a sharp drop in new lending, prompting banks to expand their services to small clients to try to generate new revenue.

"As corporate lending is no more viable, some local banks are following the foreign banks in a move into retail banking," said one banker.

The nine local banks turned in mixed results last year. The biggest, Qatar National Bank (QNB), doubled its net profits while the second largest, Doha

Bank, registered a steep decline. Bankers said Qatar's five foreign banks, reluctant to expand lending because borrowers had for some time been unable to repay loans and earnings were diverted into provisions for bad debts, might see profits squeezed by increased competition in the lucrative retail market.

The push by local banks into the retail market has led to a scramble to install automated teller machines, offer credit cards and extend small-scale consumer credit.

Both QNB and Doha Bank plan to install their first teller machines this year, coming into direct competition with the British Bank of the Middle East and already has them in operation.

QNB, which has the advantage of handling the bulk of the

Qatar government's business, plans to introduce eight teller machines within two years and expand its marketing of gold, bonds and stocks.

Doubled
Its net profits in 1987 more than doubled to a record 191.4 million Qatari riyals (\$52.6 million) from 93.8 million riyals (\$25.77 million) in 1986.

Doha Bank's net profits fell to 20.3 million riyals (\$5.6 million) from 27.5 million riyals (\$7.5 million) in 1986.

Bankers said Doha Bank's profits were hit by provisions for bad debts, but QNB set aside no new reserves for loan losses.

Foreign banks have not yet published 1987 results. Bankers said earnings of some showed a modest recovery by 1988 had yielded few signs of a further pick-up and the more aggressive

policies of local banks could increase pressure further. "The environment is becoming more hostile for foreign banks... it makes a lot of sense to move into a partnership with a local (banking) group," said one foreign banker.

One strong reason is the tax burden imposed on foreign banks while local banks still enjoy a tax holiday. Citibank pulled out of Qatar last year and sold its operation to locally-based Al-Ahli Bank of Qatar, launched in 1984.

Al-Ahli's fast expanding operation saw net profits double last year to 10.52 million riyals (\$2.9 million) from 5.21 million riyals (\$1.4 million) in 1986.

With its late start-up, bankers said Al-Ahli managed to avoid some of the problem loans which hit earnings of other banks.

Some banks had pinned hopes for an upturn on Qatar's plans to tap gas reserves in its North Field, where drilling in a \$1.3 billion first phase is due to begin in mid-August.

Spin-off
But a senior adviser to a Qatari bank said most of the gas project would go to foreign contractors and any spin-off business would be small and short-lived.

In the meantime, lending has not yet started to pick up and economic activity remains at a low ebb. Qatari Monetary Agency figures show loans and advances rose by just 3.3 per cent to 1.59 billion riyals (\$437 million) at the end of 1987.

"Qatari banks, still awash in deposits, are unable to find secure projects in which to place their money," said another banker.

African debts rise and income drops

WASHINGTON, June 18, (AP): Incomes dropped in 44 African countries during the 1980s while debt rose faster than anywhere else in the world, the International Monetary Fund reports in advance of an economic summit of creditor countries.

In the 1980s the average incomes of people in the 44 countries dropped a little every year except 1985 and 1986. Last year they dropped again, by 0.6 per cent.

The meeting of seven heads of major non-communist governments opens in Toronto tomorrow.

Foreign
West Germany has forgiven over \$50 million owed by the Central African Republic, Togo, Guinea, Sierra Leone and Sudan. In the most prosperous of these five, Sudan, the average citizen had an income equal to \$320 in 1986.

President Francois Mitterrand of France has announced his readiness to forgive debts estimated at more than \$17 million. He had two alternate proposals as well.

"Some of them we wouldn't be in a position to accept, so we won't bother to figure out whether we think they're good or bad," said Allen Wallis, US Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs.

Treasury Secretary James A.

Baker III earlier dropped objections to other countries offering debt reductions to the poorest countries, but said he could not join them. Previously he had opposed any proposals, on the ground that they might be a precedent for bigger and somewhat richer debtor countries, especially in Latin America.

Heavily
The Latin Americans owe mostly to commercial banks, the Africans largely to governments and to inter-governmental bodies like the fund itself. The Latin debts are bigger — Brazil alone owes more than \$116 billion — but the African debts weigh more heavily on the debtors, who are poorer and less numerous.

The fund reports a growing consensus that they must get more grants and easy loans from industrial countries and lists progress in that direction. It says the debtors must use their resources more efficiently and take measures to save more.

"While many debtor countries are already implementing rigorous adjustment programmes, others have yet to make the necessary commitment," it adds.

Refuse
Many governments refuse to ask for loans from the fund because the programmes it has required in return cut the incomes of their poorer citizens even further. President Kenneth

Kaunda of Zambia, for example, accepted such a programme but then changed his mind when bloody riots followed an increase in the price of the country's basic food.

The Netherlands and some Nordic countries, which will not be directly represented at the summit, also have forgiven some African debts in the past.

The 44 "sub-Saharan" countries are sandwiched between North Africa, which is somewhat better off, and South Africa, which is much more prosperous. The IMF reports that the debt of the 44 rose from \$21 billion in 1976 to nearly \$32 billion last year.

Farthest
Five countries of the 44 account for more than half the debt: Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Sudan, Zaire and Zambia. Nigeria, Sudan and Zambia are also among those farthest behind in their payments.

Only four can get any money from commercial banks: Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Gabon and Congo.

A few fell behind in their payments to the fund as well as to banks, something highly unusual in the fund's 44-year history. Five were so far in arrears that the fund refused any further lending to them: Liberia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan and Zambia.

Last words on Wall Street summer rally

The season has not started yet

NEW YORK, June 18, (AP): Has Wall Street's so-called "summer rally" lost its drive, or are stock prices merely summing up the heat gets turned up?

The Dow Jones industrial average has climbed some 200 points since May 31, and this week alone the key index set two, consecutive post-crash highs before the tumbling on fears of higher interest rates.

Impact
But before assessing just what impact these events may have on what has been dubbed a summer rally, astute market watchers note that the sultry season hasn't even begun.

"It's not summer yet," said Ronald Daino, a technical analyst at Smith Barney, Harris Upham and Co., noting the season officially gets under way on Tuesday.

Depending on how things go, Daino said these recent events "could be looked back upon as part of an initial summer rally."

But he's not entirely convinced that is inevitable.

"We still feel it requires some confirmation on whether the market will move higher," Daino said.

"The potential is there, but I'd just like some additional confir-

mation before putting both feet in the water," he said, pointing to effects of a drought in the Midwest on commodity prices and the credit markets as areas of concern.

Pushed
Plunging bond prices obliterated the 32-point gain the Dow posted in back-to-back sessions this week that pushed the key average to two post-crash highs.

Those who expected the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials to remain solidly above 2,100 and use that mark as a springboard for a further advance saw those plans evaporate in one brief session.

Rumours out of Europe that West Germany and even possibly Japan are considering to raise interest rates ignited fears that the US Federal Reserve might be forced to follow suit to support the dollar.

Shrugged
The news deflated the bond market, and ripple effects spread to equities.

But analysts shrugged it off, saying the stock market was overdue for a selloff, that it needed a breather and that the overall trend is "constructive."

Over the week, the Dow rose

231 points to 2,104.02. Friday's volume of 343.92 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange, attributed to moves to capture dividends and the quarterly "triple-whisker" hour, was the busiest session this year and the fifth heaviest ever. Volume averaged 201.64 million shares a day.

The NYSE Composite Index was off 0.05 at 152.84; the Nasdaq Composite Index for the over-the-counter market rose 0.67 to 386.92; and the American Stock Exchange Market Value index fell 3.63 to 305.70.

Cautious
Alfred Goldman, director of technical market analysis at A.G. Edwards and Sons Inc. in St. Louis, cautioned that he is both "amazed and chagrined at how quickly pessimism has turned to optimism about everything."

A better-than-expected trade deficit report, which heartened investors because both imports and exports had declined in April, would have been tempered with caution over factory utilisation, which edged up beyond expectations in May, Goldman said.

The implication is that booming business could result in shortages of some goods and price increases to compensate.

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Turkey limits exports to Iraq to ease debt

ANKARA, June 18, (AP): Turkey has restricted exports to Iraq because that country owes it too much money, a government official said yesterday. A government decree, published in the official gazette on Tuesday, stipulates that Turkish exporters need to get official permission before they can send goods to Iraq. With the measure, Turkey, expects to limit exports of goods to Iraq at \$200 million worth until the end of the year according to the semi-official Anatolia news agency. Turkish and Iraqi delegations met in Istanbul last week to discuss a payment schedule for Iraqi debts to Turkey totaling \$2.7 billion. The delegations were headed by Turkish Finance Minister Ahmet Kurtebe Alp-tomecin and Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdurrahman El-Cebeci. Alp-tomecin told Anatolia that the decision was taken in agreement with the Iraqi minister. Turkish exports to Iraq registered \$441 million in the first three months of this year. It totalled \$946 million last year. Turkish imports from Iraq registered \$1.2 billion in 1987. Foreign Ministry spokesman Inal Batu told reporters on Wednesday that Turkey would resume a granting import credits to Iraq after Iraqi debts were reduced to a certain level. He did not elaborate. Turkey itself has to repay foreign debts totaling \$7.2 billion this year, with 2 billion coming due in months of June and July.

Third World countries object to Antarctica minerals pact

UNITED NATIONS, June 18, (Reuters): Nineteen Third World countries have protested against an agreement by members of the 1959 Antarctica treaty establishing rules for the exploitation of minerals in the ice-covered region. In a letter published on Monday, they said this was "in complete disregard" of a resolution adopted by the General Assembly last November that said many minerals agreement for Antarctica should take into account the interests of the international community. "It is particularly regrettable that the Antarctic treaty consultative parties have chosen to disregard the call for them to invite the United Nations secretary-general or his representative to all meetings of the treaty parties, including the minerals regime negotiations," the letter said. It also regretted that the "racist apartheid regime of South Africa" — one of the treaty members — was allowed to participate in the negotiations, at Wellington, New Zealand, in defiance of the UN resolution. The question of Antarctica has been debated in the General Assembly annually since 1983 on the initiative of Third World countries. They say the 1959 agreement, aimed at preserving Antarctica for scientific and other purely peaceful purposes and shelving rival national claims by some of the parties, in a private club that excludes other countries from decision-making concerning the vast icy region south of 60 degrees south latitude. Malaysia, which has played a prominent role in the assembly debates, submitted the letter also on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, Brunei, Darussalam, Cameroon, Congo, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

S. Korea buys pig iron and crude oil direct from China

SEOUL, June 18, (AP): South Korea's office of supply said yesterday it has agreed to buy 15,000 tons of pig iron from Mongolia, citing a new policy of improving economic relations with the Communist country. Officials said two contracting officers of the government procurement agency signed the contract during their recent visit to Bonton in the northern region of China. The purchase was said to be for stockpiling. During the visit, the officials said, the two officers also negotiated for the import of ingot aluminium — 3,000 tons by August and 10,000 tons next year — from Inner Mongolia. The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that saving in shipping cost was one factor for buying from Inner Mongolia, in addition to South Korea's new policy of promoting direct trade and other economic relations with China. South Korea has so far bought aluminium from the United States and unspecified eastern European areas, the officials said. Until recently, South Korea conducted trade with China through third parties, such as Hong Kong, mainly because of the lack of formal ties. Bilateral trade was close to \$2 billion last year, according to some estimates. In a related development, Honam Oil Refinery Co. said it has ordered 380,000 barrels of heavy crude oil from China for delivery of the first shipment late this month at 80 cents per barrel lower than the current international level.

Toyota to increase production, but exports to remain unchanged

TOKYO, June 18, (UPI): The president of Japan's top automaker, Toyota Motor Corp., predicted yesterday that domestic demand for cars, including imports, would rise to a record 4.85 million this year, reflecting steady expansion of the Japanese economy. Shoichiro Toyota, president of the Nagoya-based company, said Toyota is expected to produce 3.86 million vehicles, an increase of 200,000 over the original projection of 3.66 million. He said, however, exports would remain almost unchanged at about 1.77 million units because the steep appreciation of the Japanese yen. Toyota's projection included 1.91 million for the domestic market and 1.75 million for export. Toyota said the company aims to sell 2.1 million cars at home this year. "Expansion of the domestic economy would continue throughout this year under the lead of personal consumption," Toyota predicted at a news conference in Nagoya. "There are no signs of adverse effects at present." Domestic sales of motor vehicles, including imports, totaled 4.53 million units in 1987, setting a record for the first time in eight years. Imported car sales also soared to a new record, accounting for 104,340 units, up 41.1 per cent over the preceding year. Reflecting sluggish demand in the United States caused by the strong yen, total sales of 2,688,210 units, down 4.9 per cent from the previous year. Sales to the United States fell short of the 2.3 million annual quota for the first time since Japanese car makers started voluntary restraint in 1981.

'Zero growth' budget for IAEA

VIENNA, June 18, (OPECNA): The governing board of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) ended a meeting here last week with the approval of a \$157.54 million "zero growth" budget for the coming year for the UN nuclear regulatory agency. The board also proposed an increase in the agency's working capital fund from \$2 million to four million. It also recommended that a target of 42 million should be fixed for the IAEA Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund, made up of voluntary contributions, for 1989. For subsequent years, it recommended 45.50 million for 1990, 49 million for 1991 and 52.50 million for 1992.

The governors from 35 countries expressed satisfaction with the agency's safeguards implementation work, but urged that the annual report relating to safeguards should be "drafted in simple and clear language so as to lessen the risk that it might be misunderstood" by non-experts. The board also approved the revised texts of the IAEA's five nuclear safety standards codes relating to the safety aspect of land-based nuclear power plants other than fast reactors. Dr Hans Blix, IAEA, director general, pointed out that while the codes were not legally binding, they seemed to be a general agreement that national regulations should be consistent with them. He added that the codes "establish the objectives and basic requirements that must be met to ensure adequate safety in the operation of nuclear power plants." The recommendations will go for approval to the next annual general conference of the agency which is to be held here in September this year.

Malaysia cuts oil output in support of OPEC

KUALA LUMPUR, June 18, (OPECNA): Malaysia will keep its oil output at 540,000 B/D in support to OPEC's market stabilisation efforts. Dato Murad Hashim, senior vice-president for downstream affairs of Petronas, the state oil company, told OPECNA yesterday.

He described the OPEC decision to maintain its overall oil production at 15.06 million B/D until the end of this year as the "best that can be achieved under present circumstances."

"Our decision to maintain oil output at current levels should be seen as our continuous support for OPEC," he said.

As a member of the Malaysian delegation, Dato Murad attended the meeting in Vienna last April between OPEC oil ministers and representatives of non-OPEC oil producing countries.

At that meeting, non-OPEC producers expressed their willingness to cut their oil exports by five per cent in a bid to support OPEC's market stabilisation efforts.

Islamic finance houses forge ahead in Turkey

ISTANBUL, June 18, (Reuters): Saudi Arabian-backed Islamic finance houses are forging ahead in Turkey despite an economic slowdown and accusations that they aim to undermine the secular state, bankers say.

The two finance houses have captured 1.8 per cent of Turkish savings deposits in their first three years and are still growing far faster than traditional competitors, 1987 accounts showed.

"Things are going well, and only for economic reasons. We're less expensive and more speedy," said Yalcin Oner, general manager of the 80-per cent Saudi-owned Al Baraka Turkish finance house.

Al Baraka Turk plan to complete expansion to five branches by the end of 1988 and the 90-per cent Saudi-owned Faisal Finance Institution Incorporated (FFI) has already done so.

A third Islamic finance house with Kuwaiti capital is due to be authorised within months, Islamic banking sources say.

"Our future is really bright," FFI acting general manager Yunus Nacar told Reuters, predicting a doubling of deposits at FFI to 200 billion lira (\$140

million) in 1988. The finance houses are relatively small and tight Central Bank control means little chance of a repeal of Egypt's unregulated, multi-billion-dollar Islamic banking problems, Western bankers say.

Decree
But the houses, permitted to open in 1983 by the first decree of Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's government and licensed last year to open a maximum five branches, are still controversial.

"They back forces prepared to change our secular state and replace it with an Islamic society," said Ugur Mumcu, senior columnist for the left-wing Cumhuriyet daily.

Mumcu told Reuters that Islamic bookshops and newspapers received soft loans. He repeated charges made in his latest book that they were linked to a secret society to spread Islam.

But some loans for Islam-oriented projects, advertisements placed in right-wing, pro-Islam newspapers and branch offices in the deeply religious central city of Konya were justified to attract depositors, Islamic bankers say.

"These institutions are mainly financial institutions," FFI's Nacar said.

An FFI manager, who declined to be named, said "an Islamic republic would be a nightmare for us. It is unrealistic. People don't understand that in Turkey, Islam is not fundamentalist."

Islamic observances and joint prayers at Friday lunchbreak are quickly apparent at the Islamic finance houses, which co-operate but do not mount joint projects.

Scarcely shrouded the heads of the few women employees. Maps show Turkey as part of the Middle East, not Europe, and there are none of the usual pictures of modern Turkey which swept away the Ottoman Islamic caliphate in 1923.

But in the finance houses' modern offices, executives calculate profit margins on computers programmed to compensate for inflation and market interest levels as well as Islamic "interest-free" principles.

"We have to compare ourselves," Al Baraka Turk's Oner told Reuters, adding that he paid depositors slightly more and

charged borrowers slightly less than commercial banks.

"Selling money is like selling apples. There are red and mine are green, but they taste the same and I have to charge the same," the FFI manager said.

Finance houses avoid the idea of fixed interest with accounts that offer depositors 80 per cent of the returns of a pool of money invested in loans to borrowers, who repay the money plus an Islam-sanctioned profit to the house.

The finance houses retain 20 per cent of such profits. In 1987, Al Baraka Turk profits rose 26 per cent to 5.85 billion lira (\$5.7 million) and FFI profits rose 53 per cent to four billion lira (\$3.9 million).

Growth
Al Baraka Turk's 1987 report makes clear their unguaranteed profit-sharing deposits yielded slightly more than commercial banks: 48.44 per cent for lira and 8.87 per cent for dollars.

The two houses controlled deposits worth 161 billion lira (\$157 million) at end-1987, equivalent to 1.81 per cent of the 8,849 billion lira (\$8.4 billion) of private savings in Turkey.

Deposit growth in 1987 ran at

112 per cent compared to just 28 per cent in the commercial sector. If television advertising were used, growth would be even faster, Islamic bankers said.

Only five per cent of deposits came from people who wanted no profit or interest at all, but the houses refuse to receive any interest on the small mandatory reserves sent to the Central Bank. Al Baraka Turk's loan breakdown showed 90 per cent of placements financed trade. Profit and loss sharing in companies and leasing; the other two loan systems sanctioned by Islam, grew but were still less than 10 per cent.

Both houses benefited in 1987 by handling a total \$200 million of loan syndications for Turkey to buy Saudi oil.

While critics say Saudi involvement is an attempt to propagate Islam, Islamic bankers say current Saudi financial constraints mean that request for further rises in capital and last-resort cash guarantees in case of difficulties have gone unheeded.

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SPORTS

Navratilova crushes Zvereva for crown

EASTBOURNE, England, June 18. (Reuters) Martina Navratilova put Natalia Zvereva firmly in her place with an imperious display of power tennis in the final of the Eastbourne Grasscourt Championship today.

Beaten in straight sets by the 17-year-old Soviet at the French Open in Paris three weeks ago, Navratilova won 6-2 6-2 to exact a modicum of revenge and emphasise her readiness to defend the Wimbledon title next week.

The 31-year-old Prague-born American has now won this event seven times and finished runner-up twice — following up all eight previous appearances in the Eastbourne final by winning Wimbledon a fortnight later.

Zvereva beat the world number two 6-3 7-6 on clay in Paris but found her a totally different proposition on the grasscourt she considers her own back garden.

Navratilova, who will be bidding for a record ninth women's singles title when the 102nd championships begin on Monday, said: "It was nice to get back at Natalia, and obviously it is an ideal boost to my confidence before Wimbledon."

"But this is a great tournament in its own right, all the girls love playing Eastbourne and I'm honestly delighted to be back in the winner's circle."

Strength

On a typical summer afternoon in England — most of the spectators were huddled in hats, scarves and heavy overcoats to combat the chill south-easterly wind coming off the channel — Navratilova used her sheer strength to subdue the young Russian.

Though the contest was far from entertaining than the score suggests, it was eerily quiet at times in the Edwardian grandstands of Devonshire Park.

The cries of the ever-present seagulls and the rich tones of nearby church bells were interrupted only by the grunts Navratilova injected into her shots as Zvereva buckled under the weight of her opponent's serves.

"She hit the ball so hard, so very hard," said Zvereva, runner-up to Steffi Graf in Paris and Martina Navratilova in her first ever grasscourt tournament.

"I gave her the opportunity to play well and she took it, but I guess I have not done so badly this week."

Zvereva's modesty was unnecessary because she has emerged as a genuine star over the past four weeks despite the fact there is not a single grasscourt in the Soviet Union on which to practice. She should justify her eighth seeding at Wimbledon.

Baseball games

NEW YORK, June 18. (Reuters) Results of Major League baseball games played yesterday:

American League			
Cleveland	6	New York	4
Detroit	12	Toronto	5
Baltimore	3	Boston	2
Minnesota	4	Seattle	1
Milwaukee	7	Chicago	1
California	9	Kansas City	7
Oakland	7	Texas	6
National League			
Chicago	7	Montreal	3
GM1-Atlanta	4	Houston	3
GM2-Atlanta	6	Houston	3
Cincinnati	6	San Francisco	0
Philadelphia	3	New York	1
St Louis	7	Pittsburgh	3
GM1-San Diego	7	Los Angeles	4
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Al Zinki and Karam on top

WALEED AL ZINKI and Saleh Karam finished on top after the first day of the PBAK Men's Doubles Bowling Tournament's elimination round at the Holiday Inn on Friday.

Al Zinki scored 586 in his three games while Karam got a total of 490 for a combined score of 1,056. The Kuwaiti duo finished ahead of Filipinos Tino Ocampo and Archie Nanta who scored 1,033.

Veteran Ocampo finished his three games with a score of 530 pinnals while his partner Nanta got 503.

Third on Friday were Filipinos Jimmy Tadana and Edwin Nepomuceno with 1,013. Tadana scored 496 and Nepomuceno 517.

Opened
Earlier on the tournament was opened by Jose S. Gangat, operations manager of Yaish Tourism Travel & Cargo and Tareq Shafiq Mohammed, cargo manager of Yaish.

Men's High Game was taken by Gren Ruiz with a score of 210. He was followed by Waleed Al Zinki and Jacques Weedon, both with 202.

Only one doubles pair took part in the women's division. The other participants will be taking their turn on the next two Fridays in the elimination round. The second elimination round will be on Friday, June 24, at 6.00 pm at the Holiday Inn.

LYLE FOUR SHOTS OFF PACE IN US OPEN

Simpson takes one-shot lead

BROOKLINE, Mass, June 18. (Reuters) Scott Simpson, bidding to become the first golfer in 37 years to successfully defend the US Open championship, shot a remarkable five-under-par 66 yesterday to take the halfway lead.

"I always thought it was possible but now it's a little more likely," the 32-year-old Simpson said of his chances of becoming the first winner of successive US Opens since Ben Hogan in 1951.

Better

"Yeah, Ben Hogan and I have a lot in common, so I better go ahead and win," the soft-spoken Simpson quipped after posting a 36-hole score of 135 — four shots better than last year, when he won the title at the Olympic Club in San Francisco.

Simpson, who carded an amazing eight birdies, admitted to making only one bad shot in his round, which led to a double bogey on the very difficult 11th hole.

Simpson, who won last year's open by one shot over Tom Watson, also bogeyed the final hole when his five-iron went over the green and he needed two putts from 20 feet after a weak chip shot.

The 66 was the low score of the tournament so far and Simpson's five-birdie, no-bogey front nine of 30 tied a US Open record.

Simpson enjoyed a one-shot



Simpson: aims to retain his title

lead over last year's US Masters champion, fellow-American Larry Mize, who carded a four-under 67 for a 136 total.

First-round co-leader Bob Gilder remained close with a 69 to stay within two strokes of the lead along with his fellow-American Curtis Strange, who

also shot 67.

Britons Sandy Lyle and Nick Faldo were tied at 139 with Americans Fred Couples and Paul Azinger.

Lyle, the reigning US Masters champion who was tied for the opening round lead with Gilder and unheralded American Mike

Nicolette, dropped out of the lead when he could do no better than match par.

Faldo, the reigning British Open champion, joined Lyle at 139 with a strong 67 that included six birdies and two bogeys.

Another shot back were Americans Jay Haas, who shot 67, and D.A. Weir, who posted a 69 on a cool, cloudy day which, players said, made the 7,010-yard course at the Country Club play a little easier.

The only other players to break par for 36 holes were Americans John Cook (68), Steve Pate (69), Tom Kite (69) and Lanny Wadkins (71), who were at 141.

Among those matching par were former champion Hale Irwin and his fellow-Americans Andy Bean and Ken Green.

Eight

Seve Ballesteros of Spain, a pre-tournament favourite who was shot off the lead on Thursday, struggled to a three-over-par 74, leaving him eight shots out.

Australian Greg Norman was forced to withdraw from the championship after he injured his left wrist hitting a shot off a rock on the ninth hole. The initial diagnosis was that Norman tore a ligament in his wrist but it was not known how long the injury would keep him out of action.

Senna fastest in GP practice

DETROIT, June 18. (Reuters) Brazilian Ayrton Senna, who has owned the pole position all year, grabbed the provisional pole in his McLaren yesterday in the first time qualifying session for tomorrow's United States Grand Prix.

After three slow laps, Senna took his turbo-charged McLaren around the narrow, twisting 4.0-km Detroit street circuit in one minute 40.606 seconds.

Though the time was over a second slower than the Detroit qualifying record set by Briton Nigel Mansell in his turbo-charged Williams last year, Senna's time held up for the remaining 40 minutes of the session.

Senna's McLaren teammate, two-time world champion Alain Prost of France, clocked an early 1:42.019, a time eclipsed only by

Senna, who has won the pole in all five previous Formula One motor races this year.

"The tyres lost grip after four or five laps and I just couldn't go quicker," Prost said. "I don't like the track — in fact I still wouldn't like it even if I qualified in pole position," said Prost, who thinks the circuit is too bumpy.

Season

Austrian Gerhard Berger, who has been chasing the McLaren in his Ferrari all season, was third fastest in 1:42.283.

The normally aspirated cars did surprisingly well in the session as four of the non-turbos came between Berger and his Ferrari teammate Michele Alboreto, who was seventh fastest.

In the final two minutes of the

session, the Benetton of Italy's Alessandro Nannini and Belgian Thierry Boutsen charged into the top six.

"Only on my last lap of the session did I get a clear track and that's when I set my fastest time," said Nannini, who was fourth fastest in 1:43.117.

Mansell, who won the pole here last year, was moved to fifth by Nannini's late charge. Boutsen was sixth ahead of Williams driver Riccardo Patrese of Italy.

Defending world champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil had all kinds of problems in the morning's untimed practice and finished a disappointing 10th in the time trials. Piquet suffered a minor crash in his Lotus but was unhurt during the morning practice and later complained of gear problems.

Belgrade to bid for 1996 Games

BELGRADE, June 18. (Reuters) Belgrade is to bid for the 1996 Olympics, the official Tanjug news agency said today.

The Yugoslav capital failed in its attempt to land the 1992 Games — they were awarded to Barcelona — but Tanjug said the Yugoslav Olympic Committee would try again, submitting an official application for the 1996 Games.

Athens is the sentimental favourite to stage the centenary Games — the modern Olympic era began there in 1896 — but other cities also in contention include Melbourne, Toronto, Manchester and Atlanta.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) are due to make a decision in September 1990.

Hussain takes Iraq past S. Korea 'B'

SEOUL, June 18. (Reuters) Two goals from striker Hussain Said Mohammed gave experienced Iraq a 2-0 victory over South Korea 'B' in the President's Cup international soccer tournament today.

The win took Iraq, fielding the nucleus of the team which qualified for the Olympic finals, to the top of Group D.

In the other Group D match, Argentine club side Gimnasia drew 0-0 with a Hungarian League XI.

Goals

Iraq were always in command against the Korean second team, with Hussain's goals coming in the 33rd and 84th minutes.

A Czechoslovak League XI made a solid start to their Group B campaign defeating Turkey 2-0, with goals from Alois Grussmann and Milan Luhovy.

The Czechoslovaks share top spot in Group B with Yugoslavia's Velez, who beat Sporting Cristal of Peru 4-2. Velez clinched the match with three goals in a 15-minute spell during the second half.

Al Nakest outplay Kabayan

AL NAKEST scored a 4-0 victory over Kabayan Restaurant in the fourth round of the Palangon Filipino Bowling '88 matches at the 300 Club on Thursday and Friday.

The first game was quite close with Al Nakest winning by only seven pins 711-74. Al Nakest won the second game 802-766 and the third 891-709.

The Al Nakest team was based on Julie Teves, Vic Paras (team captain), Boy Bagat, Romy Andres, Burt Ramos, Amado Garcia, Milo Coronado and Rod Sarile.

Thrashed

In the other matches of the men's division Al Ghanim Freight beat Mobil Oil 3-1, Haid Ligaya Abughosh Int'l defeated Atlas Int'l Co. 3-1, Oriental Trading thrashed Kuwait Regency Palace 4-0, Kuwait Airways overcame Ports Public Authority (Shuaiba) 3-1 and Kay & Associates were awarded a bye.

In the women's division Al Ghanim Freight thrashed Oriental Trading 4-0 and Mabuhay Restaurant overcame Crown Trading Est. 3-1.



Waugh in form again

LONDON, June 18. (Reuters) Australian Steve Waugh continued his prolific batting form with a brilliant 85 yesterday but Somerset were still denied an outright win over Sussex in a dramatic finish to their county championship match at Bath.

Set 251 to win in 172 minutes, Somerset had reached 250 at the close of the three-day match leaving the scores level.

Waugh, who scored 137 in the first innings to add to the 103 not out and 79 in the previous match against Warwickshire, almost inspired Somerset to their third win of the season and when he was out they required 19 runs off 11 balls.

However, needing three from the final ball, Neil Mallender could manage only two.

With county championship leaders Worcestershire not playing, second-placed Kent closed the gap behind them to only five points with a five-wicket win over Lancashire at Tunbridge Wells.

Needing 151 for victory, Kent were made to fight for runs as Mike Watkinson took three wickets and Paul Allott two, but then the Cowdrey brothers, Graham and Chris, steered them home with an unbroken partnership of 40.

Warwickshire recovered from defeat by Somerset in their last match to comfortably beat bot-

tom-placed Yorkshire by seven wickets at Headingley and move into contention for the championship 26 points behind Worcester but with a game in hand.

After being dismissed for a miserly 81 in their first innings, a deficit of 82, Warwickshire's batsmen were in much improved form. Asif Din led the way with 77 as Warwickshire comfortably reached their target of 206 for the loss of only three wickets.

Results

At Headingley: Warwickshire beat Yorkshire by seven wickets. Yorkshire 163 in 56.4 overs and 123. Warwickshire 81 in 44.2 overs and 206 for three (Asif Din 77, Waugh 85, 20 points, Yorkshire five).
At Lord's: Gloucestershire beat Essex by eight wickets. Gloucestershire 170 in 113 overs and 69 for two. Essex 186 in 68 overs and 249 (D. East 134, D. Lawrence seven for 85). Gloucestershire 24 points, Essex 4.
At Tunbridge Wells: Kent beat Lancashire by five wickets. Lancashire 199 in 57.1 overs and 203 (J. Simmons 49 not out, C. Penn five for 60). Kent 251 in 98.3 overs and 154 for five. Kent 23 points, Lancashire 5.
At Leicester: Leicestershire v Glamorgan match drawn. Leicestershire 313 for seven declared in 90 overs and 164 (N. Davies 99, J. Whitaker 43, J. Derrick six for 54). Glamorgan 246 in 95.4 overs and 71 for two. Leicestershire 8 points, Glamorgan 5.
At Basingstoke: Hampshire v Middlesex match drawn. Hampshire 136 in 57.4 overs and 312 for nine declared (D. Turner 130 not out, A. Fraser six for 68). Middlesex 149 in 60.5 overs and 186 for four (M. Gatting 104, W. Slack 42). Hampshire and Middlesex 4 points.
At Bath: Somerset v Sussex match drawn — scores level. Sussex 320 for six declared in 125 overs and 206 for three declared (P. Parker 101 not out). Somerset 276 for six declared in 105.5 overs and 250 for seven (S. Waugh 85, J. Hardy 40, V. Marks 40). Somerset 13 points, Sussex 4.

Pakistan bids to host 1991 World Cup

NEW DELHI, June 18. (Reuters) Pakistan, backed by India, has offered to host the 1991 World Cup with a budget of \$3 million (\$5.4 million), sources close to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) said today.

The sources said the joint Pakistani-Indian proposal had already been made to the International Cricket Conference (ICC) and the Bank of Credit and Commerce International had agreed in principle to underwrite it.

As in the 1987 World Cup which was staged in both India and Pakistan, 24 preliminary matches would be played in two groups. In 1991, though, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh would each be given a match with the other 22 divided equally between Pakistan and India.

Principal

The semifinals would be played in Pakistan and India and the final in Pakistan, as principal host.

The seven full member countries of the ICC would receive \$275,000 (\$495,000) each 75,000 (135,000) up on the 1987 World Cup, and the qualifying associate member would be paid 225,000 (405,000) compared to 175,000 (315,000) in 1987.

The proposed prize money would total \$113,000 (\$203,400) with the winners' share being \$45,000 (\$81,000) compared to 30,000 (\$4,000) in 1987.

The sources said the aim of the proposal was to outbid the financial guarantees which might emerge from England or Australia and New Zealand.

Gatting's book

LONDON, June 18. (Reuters) England's cricket authorities have strongly urged all member countries not to allow the controversial book by ex-England skipper Mike Gatting to be sold at their grounds.

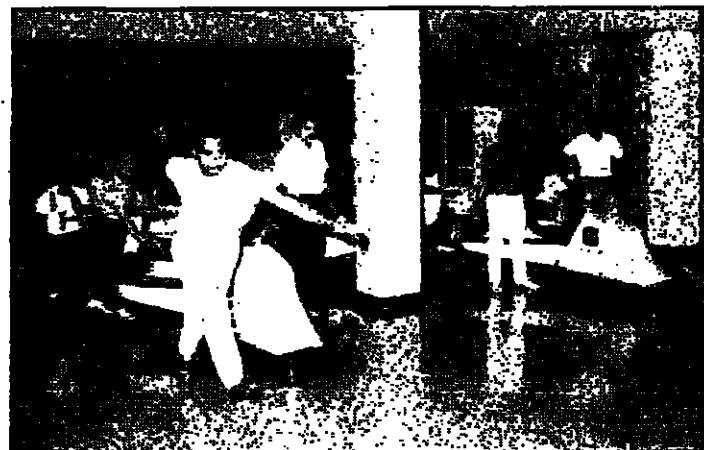
The book, "Leading from the front", is the subject of an inquiry by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) because of the inclusion of a chapter on Gatting's explosive row with umpire Shakoor Rana during England's tour of Pakistan.

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SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

McEnroe loses

WEST KIRBY, England, June 18. (Reuters) John McEnroe's formidable service let him down as he slumped to surprise defeat against South African Christo van Rensburg in the semifinals of the Hoyalke men's invitation tennis tournament yesterday. The American, seeded eighth at the Wimbledon championships which open on Monday, crashed 3-6-6-2 to Van Rensburg in an hour and 40 minutes. Van Rensburg lost today to David Pate 7-6-6-4.

Bristol tennis

BRISTOL, England, June 18. (Reuters) West German Christian Saccanu won his first Grand Prix tennis title today when he beat Indian number one Ramesh Krishnan 6-4 2-6 6-2 in the final of the Bristol grasscourt tournament.

Two-way tie

HERSHEY, PA. June 18. (Reuters) Defending champion Ayako Okamoto of Japan and two-time champion Juli Inkster both posted five-under-par rounds of 67 yesterday to share the lead after 18 holes of the \$300,000 Lady Keystone Open.

S. African boxer

DURBAN, June 18. (Reuters) South African boxer Brian Baronet died yesterday after spending three days in a coma since he was knocked out in a fight, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Belgian Open

BRUSSELS, June 18. (Reuters) Jose-Maria Olazabal of Spain eagled the final hole from 35 feet today to complete a third round 64 and secure a three shot lead in the Belgian Open Golf Championship.

Soccer fans

FRANKFURT, West Germany, June 18. (AP) Brawling English and German soccer fans continued to plague the European Championships, with the arrests of more than 200 rowdies in Munich and Frankfurt, police said today.

United chief

LONDON, June 18. (Reuters) England should be banned from international competition in a bid to curb soccer hooliganism, Manchester United chief Martin Edwards said yesterday.

Kuwait team

THE Kuwait national football team left Kuwait yesterday for Jordan on a one-month training camp. The Kuwait footballers will take part in the Arab Soccer matches to be played in Amman during July 8-23.

Soviets hold Indians to 1-1 draw

NAIROBI, Kenya, June 18. (AP) The Soviet Union held India to a 1-1 draw yesterday in the 12th preliminary match of a pre-Olympic hockey tournament at the City Park stadium.

India, fielding veteran players, captured its goal in the 12th minute when inside right Bahwinder Singh capitalised on a goal mouth melee and scored a classic field goal, leaving Soviet goalie Yuri Pakhomov in bewilderment.

The Soviets, fielding young players, equalised in the 26th minute through left half back Sekzenbaer Berick. Berick, captain of the Soviet squad, scored the goal via a short corner set by right half back Nekrutennov Yladimiz.

Still Yesterday's draw was the first to be registered in the five-nation competition since it began on June 11.

Pakistan still sits atop the standings table with eight points from four matches.

Second-placed India collected seven points from four matches and Kenya A is third with four points from four matches.

The Soviet Union is fourth with three points from four matches, and Canada is fifth having collected two points from four matches.

Kenya B has bagged no point from the four matches it has played.

Today Canada were to take on Kenya A in an early match, followed by a game between the Soviet Union and Kenya B. The last match of the day was to pit Pakistan against India.

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IRELAND PUT UP A FIGHT IN LAST GAME

Soviets and Dutch move into semifinals

FRANKFURT, West Germany, June 18. (Reuters) The Soviet Union clinched their place in the semifinals of the European Soccer Championship with a 3-1 victory over England while the Netherlands shattered Irish dreams of a place in the last four with a late strike by substitute Wim Kieft for a 1-0 win today.

While the Soviets thrashed England with disdainful ease, the Irish, who needed just a draw to stop the Dutch, held out bravely until the 82nd minute when Kieft rose on the left of the penalty area and headed home.

Passed

The star-studded Dutch, requiring a win to qualify after losing 1-0 to the Soviet Union in their opening match, had until then looked likely to succumb to the rank outsiders after all their efforts had been thwarted.

Unexpected

Wouters chipped another shot on top of the setting seven minutes later but was then booked for a foul on goalkeeper Pat Bonner as he followed through.

The Irish defence, coping competently with high balls from the Dutch, looked like holding out until Kieft gained fortunate possession after Ronald Koeman had misused a shot and scored the all-important goal.

By this time the Dutch had three central strikers on the pitch in an effort to break the deadlock. They had introduced

substitutes Kieft (50th minute) and then John Bosman (78th) to join Marco van Basten, three-goal hero against England.

Gullit had created the first danger for the Dutch in the eighth minute, passing back to defender Adrie van Tiggelen, who fired in a 30-metre drive which Bonner did well to tip over the bar.

The closest Ireland came to scoring was in the 15th minute. Ray Houghton took a corner on the right and Paul McGrath, returning after missing Wednesday's 1-1 draw against the Soviet Union through a knee injury, rose to head against the left post.

In the second match at the Waldstadion, the impressive Soviet side took control after only two minutes through midfielder Sergei Aleinikov, conceding an unexpected equaliser by Tony Adams, but swept to an easy victory with further goals from Alexei Mikhailichenko and substitute Viktor Pasulko.

England, beaten by Ireland, the Netherlands and the Soviet Union will fly home tomorrow

with the abuse of their own fans ringing in their ears following another abject performance.

Although they applied aerial pressure on Soviet goalkeeper Rinat Dasayev — playing with his right knee heavily strapped — in the second half, England were rarely able to penetrate the disciplined Russian defence.

Both teams were much-changed from their previous matches, England bringing in goalkeeper Chris Woods, defender Dave Watson and midfielder Steve McMahon for their first appearances of the tournament.

Proved

The Soviet Union recalled Vladimir Bessonov after injury and Gennadi Litovchenko after a one-match suspension.

England's tactical change — midfielder Glenn Hoddle pushed into a free attacking role — proved to be their undoing as early as the second minute when he was caught in possession by Aleinikov.

The Soviet midfielder ran on unchallenged into the England penalty area, checked inside a

flimsy challenge by Watson and scored with an angled left-foot drive beyond Woods to put his team firmly in command.

Within the next 18 minutes, they might have scored a further five goals. Igor Belanov shot narrowly over the bar, Oleg Protasov beat Woods but rolled his shot wide, Belanov shot wide again, Protasov hit a post with another effort and Litovchenko drove just over again.

England's square and immobile defence was unable to cope with the speed and movement of the Soviet attack but, to their credit, their attack continued to run forward and, after 15 minutes, they drew level unexpectedly.

Quickly

Midfielder Trevor Steven was fouled on the right by Vasily Rats. Hoddle swam in a deep free kick and Adams, rising unchallenged at the far post, powered an emphatic header beyond the helpless and limping Dasayev.

Nine minutes later, they nearly

W. Indies pile on the agony for England

LONDON, June 18. (Reuters) A Gordon Greenidge century set the stage for West Indies to pile on the agony for England on the third day of the second cricket Test at Lord's today.

After Malcolm Marshall had bowled them to a 44-run first innings lead yesterday, it was the turn of their batsmen to make England suffer in the field as West Indies reached 354 for five at the close — a lead of 398.

Remain

But in spite of Greenidge's 103, it was a masterful innings by captain Viv Richards that will probably remain longest in the memories of the packed Lord's crowd.

In a display of arrogant power,

he took apart the England attack, reaching his half-century from only 60 balls by cracking four successive boundaries off Gladstone Small and raced to 72 before edging a ball from Derek Pringle on to his stumps.

But that was far from the end of England's misery. Gus Logie and Jeff Dujon, saviours of the West Indies with a century partnership when they were struggling in the first innings, added another and were still there at the close, Logie with 69 and Dujon with 43.

England had an early success when West Indies resumed at 16 without loss, Graham Dilley swinging the ball away to have Desmond Haynes caught by Paul Downton behind the

stumps for six.

But they had to wait until the afternoon session for their next breakthrough — when Richie Richardson, looking distinctly uncomfortable and still to find his 'form on this tour, fell leg before to Pringle for 26.

Although Dilley, easily the pick of the England bowlers, several times beat the bat with superb deliveries, Greenidge showed all the experience and maturity of a man with 14 Test centuries behind him to wait for and punish the bad ball.

Reached

Fortunately for West Indies there was a regular supply of those from strike bowlers Small and Paul Jarvis who unforgivably wasted the helpful conditions

which still aided swing and movement.

Greenidge punished them by cracking 14 boundaries, mainly through the covers, but soon after he had reached his sixth century against England, Dilley finally found the edge of his bat to have him caught by captain John Emburey in the slips.

But by then, with Richards rampant at the other end, the victory hopes England had entertained after the first day had all but disappeared.

Even the dismissal of Richards and soon afterwards that of Carl Hooper for 11 did little to revive those hopes. Logie and Dujon, with intelligent stroke play against a tired England attack, buried them completely.

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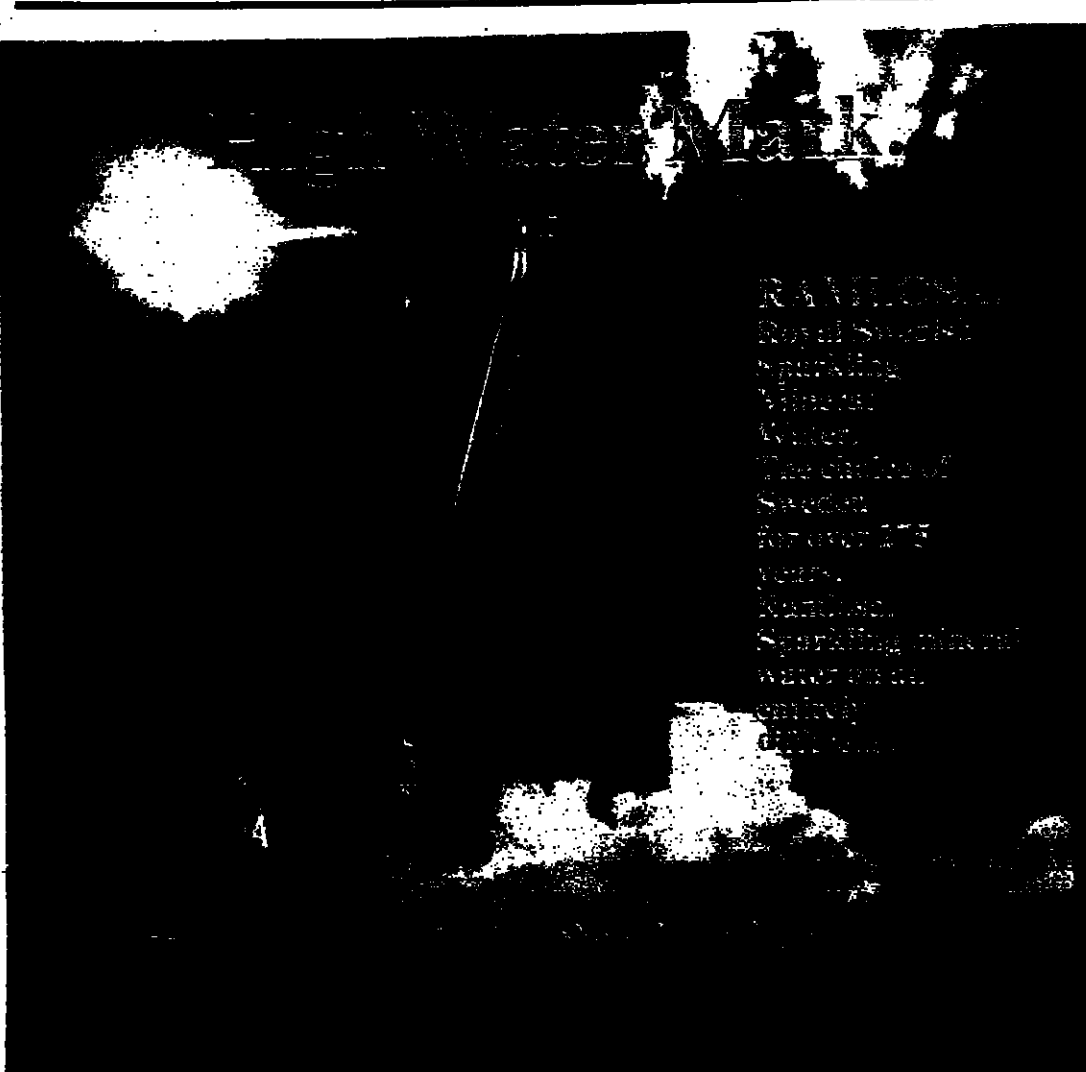
Bangladesh reschedules Asian Cup

DHAKA, Bangladesh, June 18 (AP) The Asian Cup cricket tournament, postponed last fall because of opposition party demonstrations against President Hussain Muhammad Ershad, has been rescheduled for Oct 27 to Nov 4, cricket officials announced today.

The executive committee of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board set the dates at a meeting yesterday, the officials said.

The tournament will include teams from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh and will open with a match between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, the officials said. The games will be played in Dhaka and at the southern port city of Chittagong.

Opposition parties launched a campaign last November to try to unseat Ershad, who took power in a bloodless coup in 1982 and was elected president in 1986. He has refused to step down.



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